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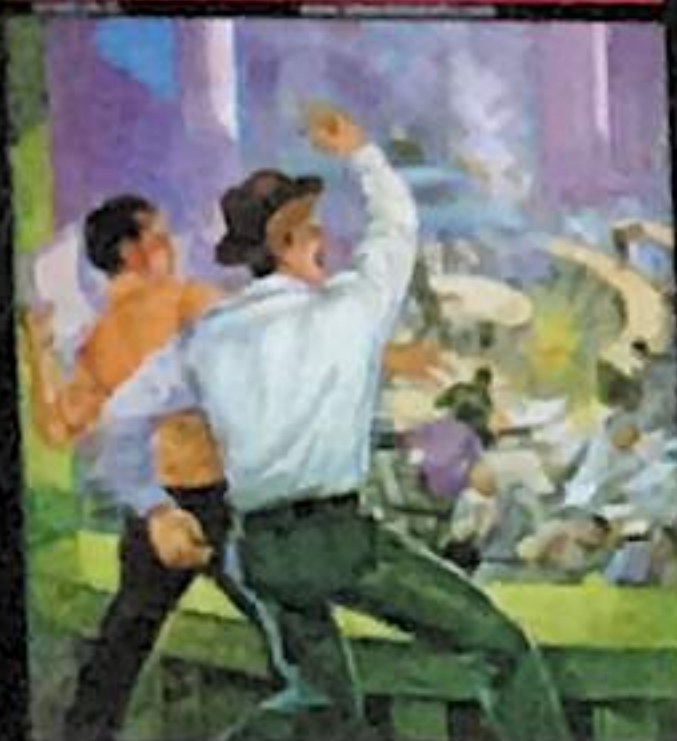
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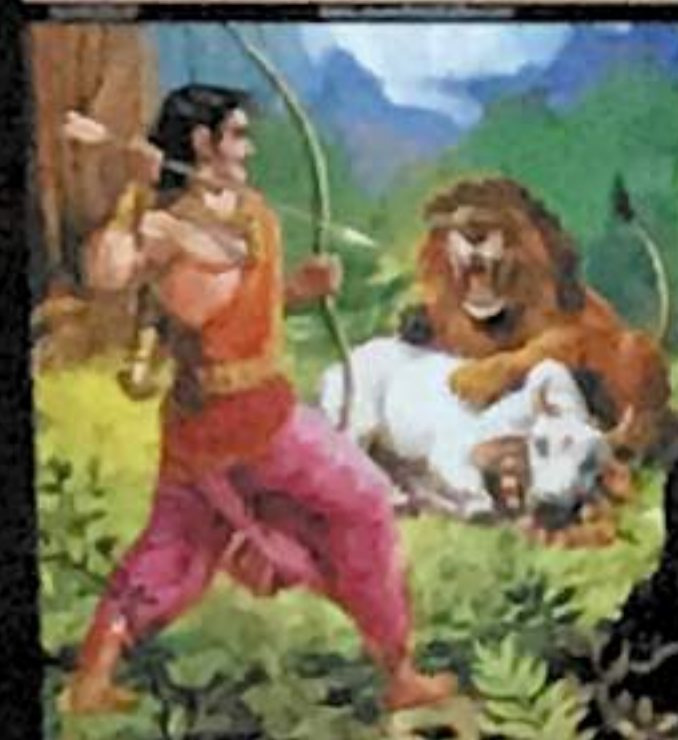
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BENI MADHO



NO! NO! A HUNDRED TIMES, NO! I WON'T GRAZE PIGS AND SHEEP! NEVER!

YOU'LL HAVE TO!



ONE MORNING IN MAY 1857, OUTSIDE THE FORT OF SHANKARPUR, IN AVADH—

YOU WERE BORN A PASI! BORN FOR SUCH JOBS! WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO, HEERA?

I... I WILL...



...JOIN THE ARMY OF RANA BENI MADHO. HE NEEDS SOLDIERS.

AAHAHA! WELL SAID MY GALLANT WARRIOR!



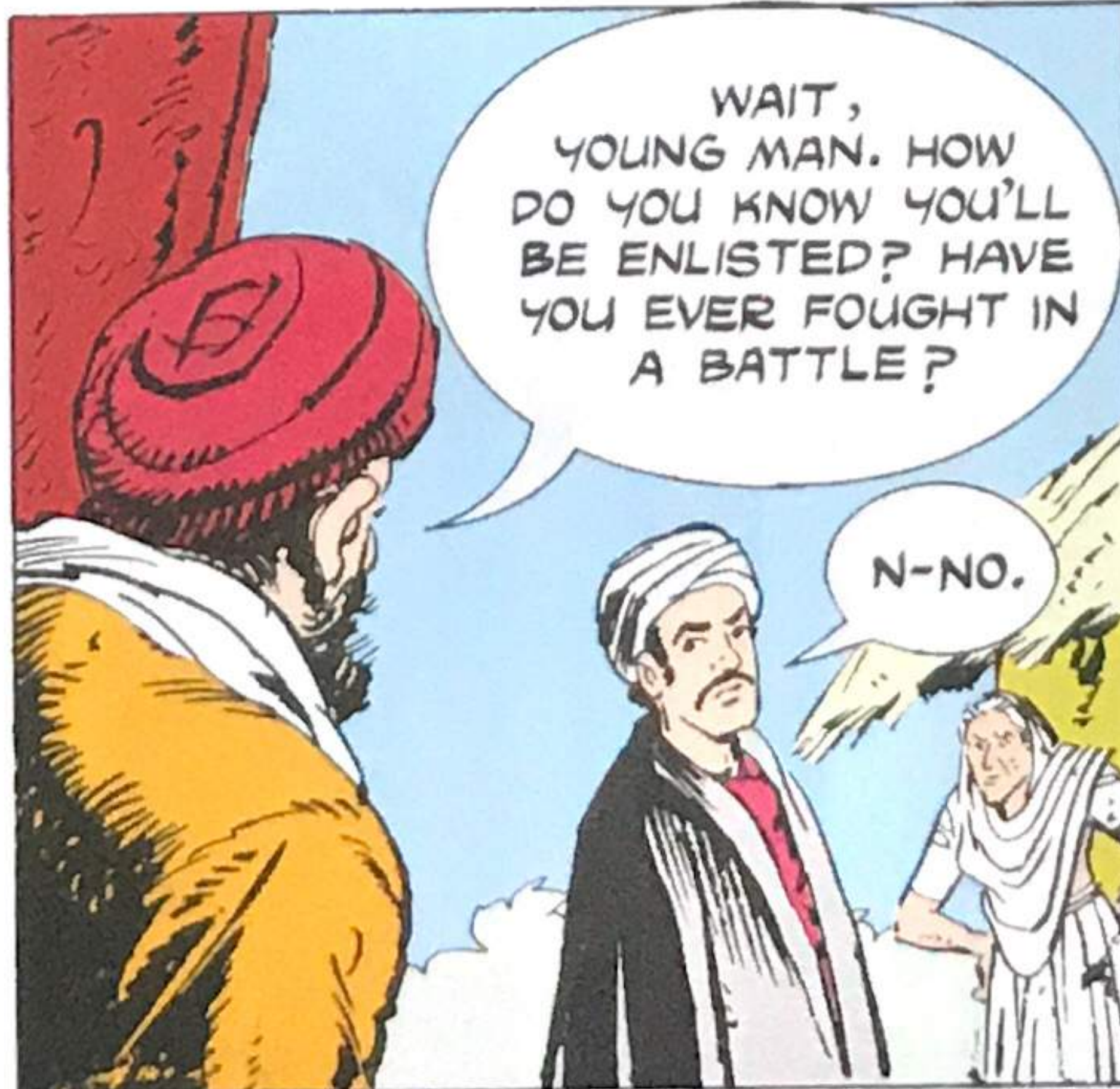
AS IF THE RANA WOULD CARE FOR THE LIKES OF YOU! THE ARMY OF PASIS...

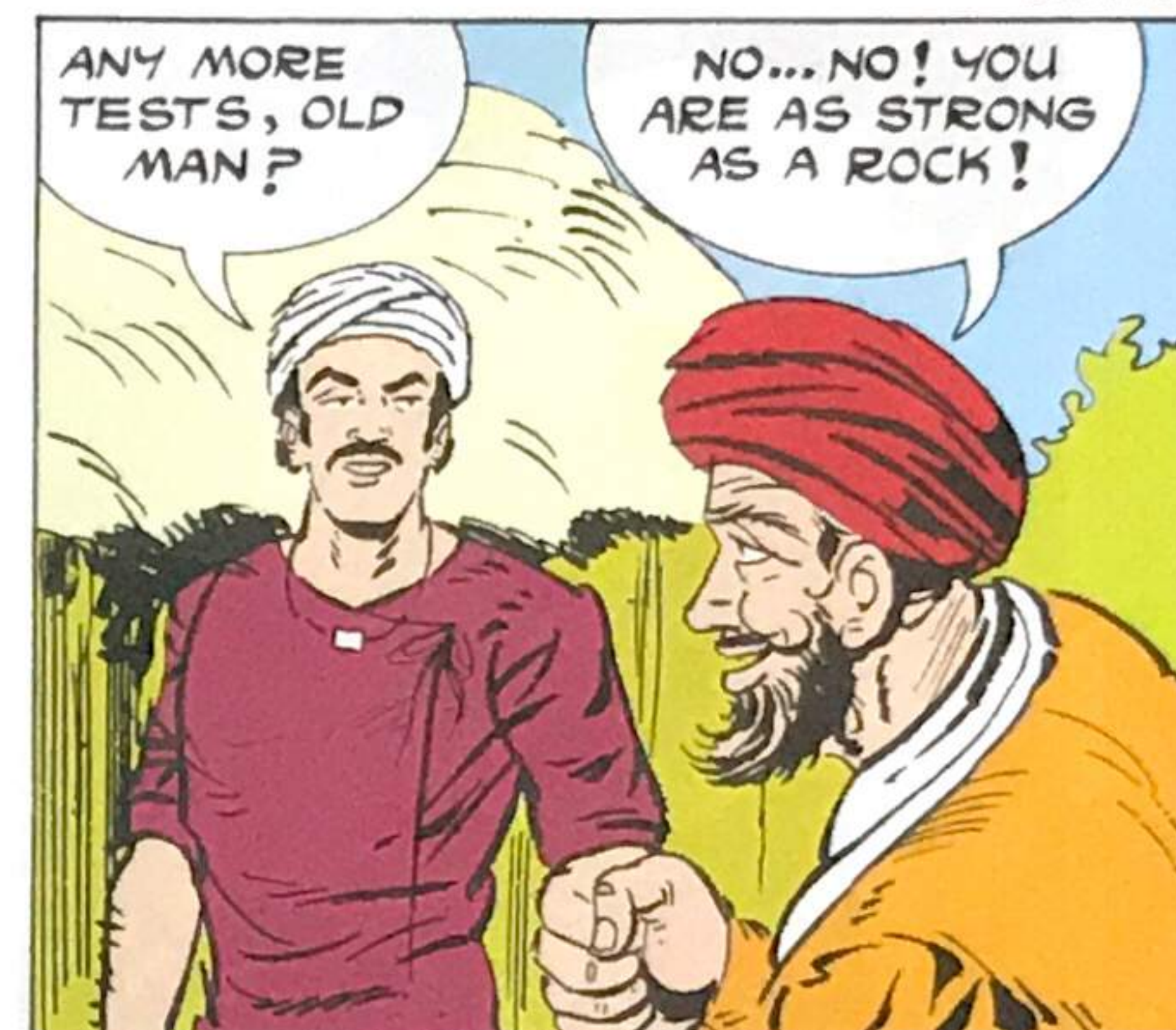
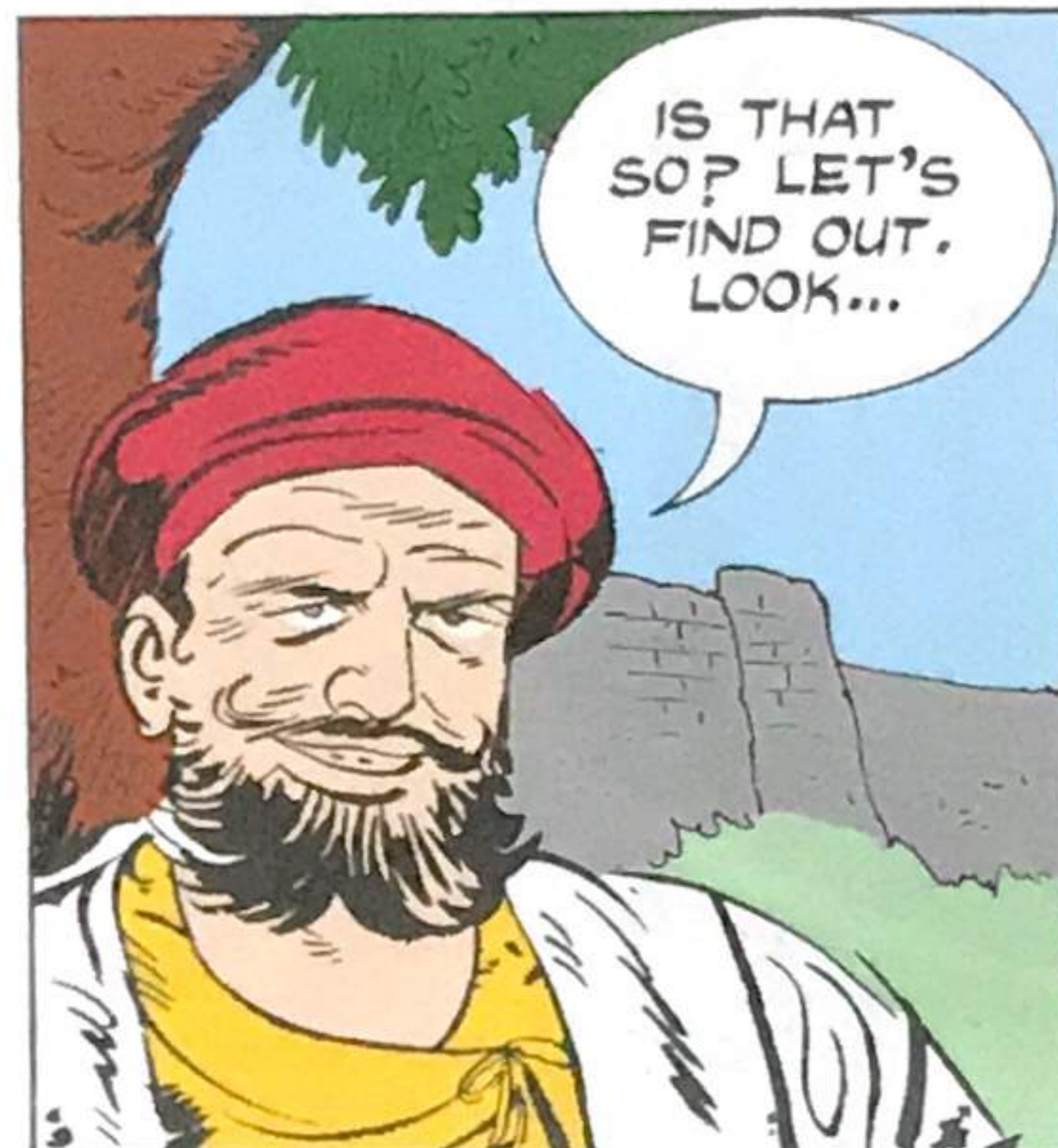
STOP IT! I'LL GO TO THE RANA THIS MINUTE!

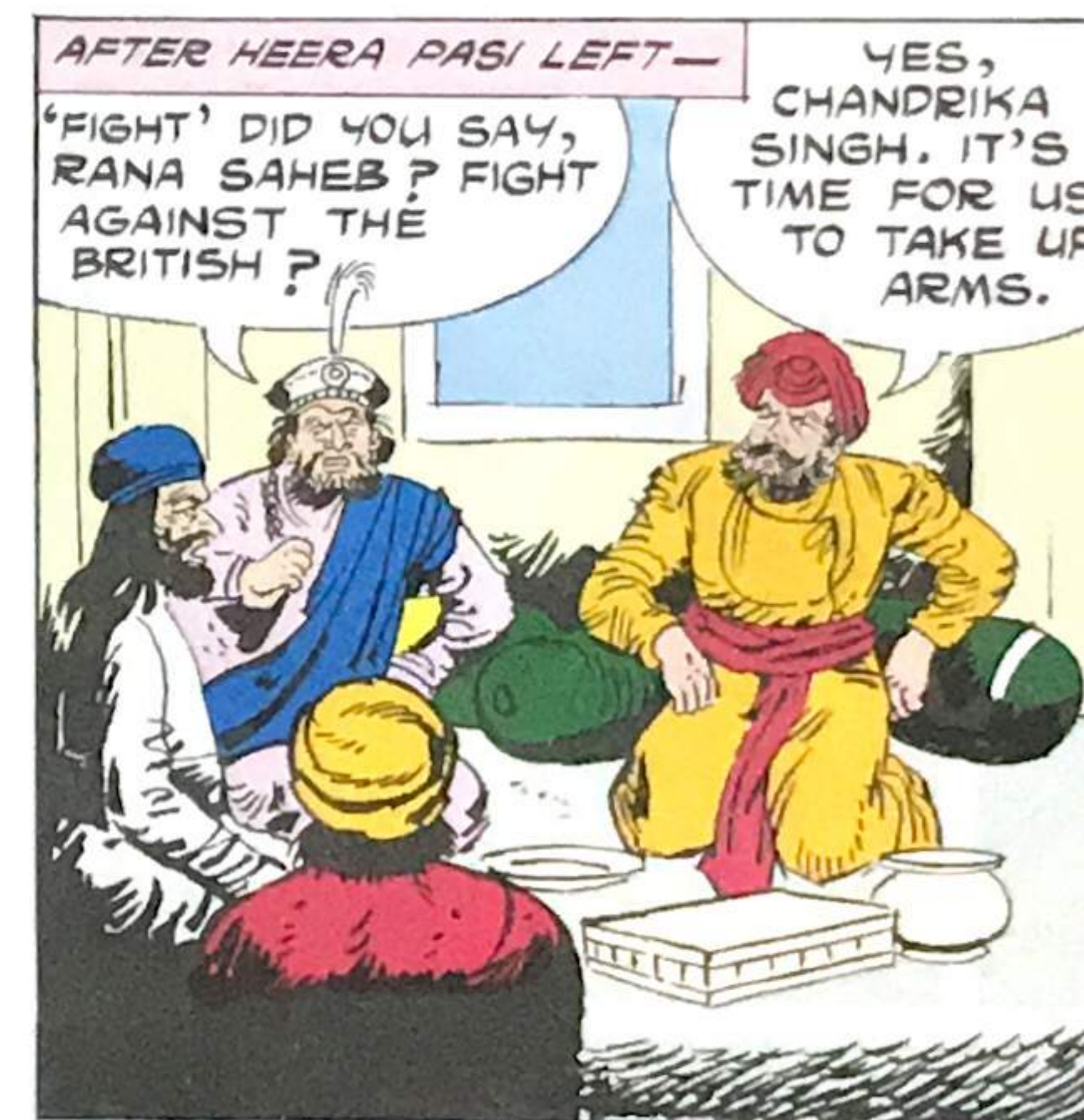
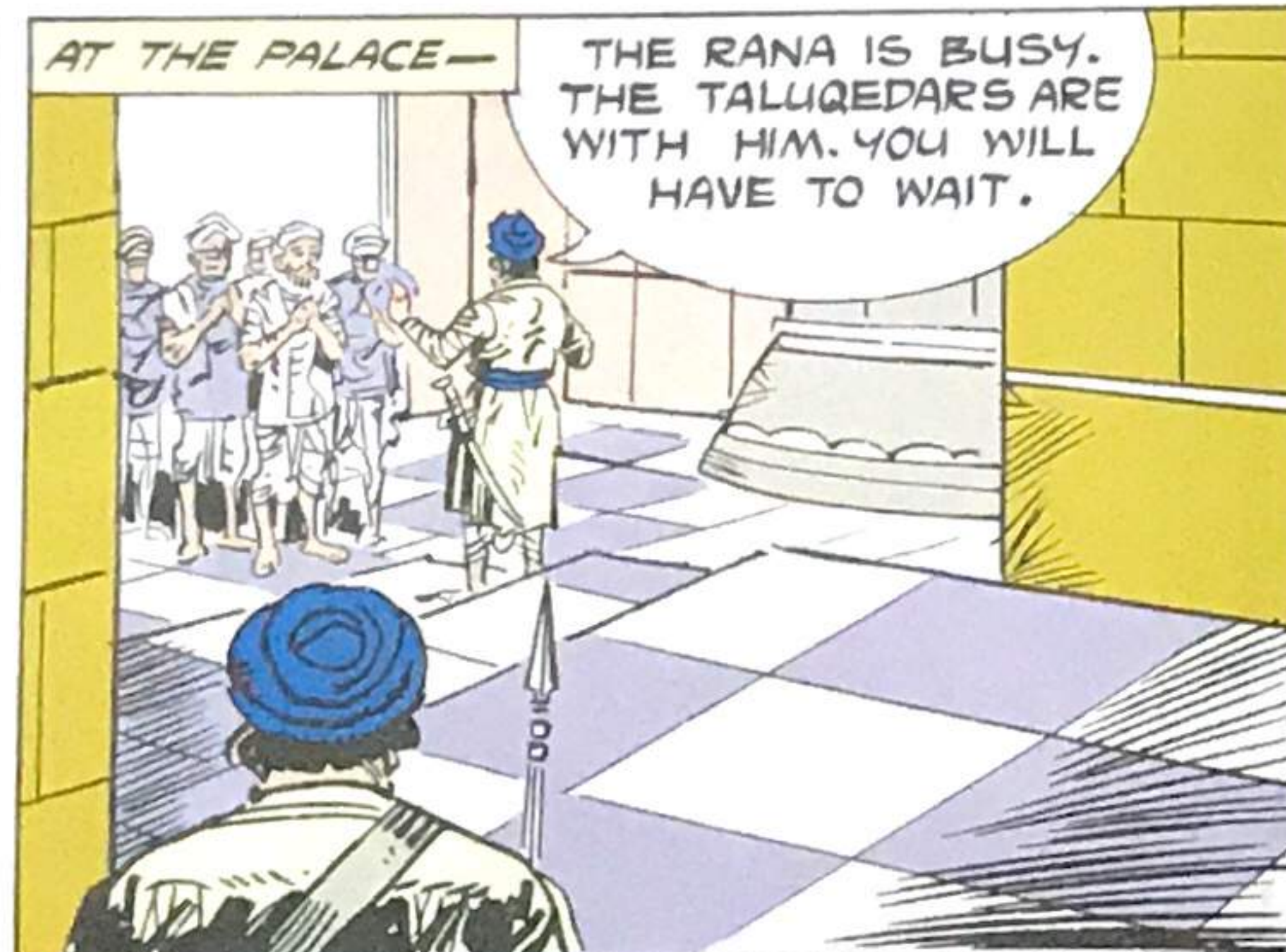


WAIT, YOUNG MAN. HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU'LL BE ENLISTED? HAVE YOU EVER FOUGHT IN A BATTLE?

N-NO.



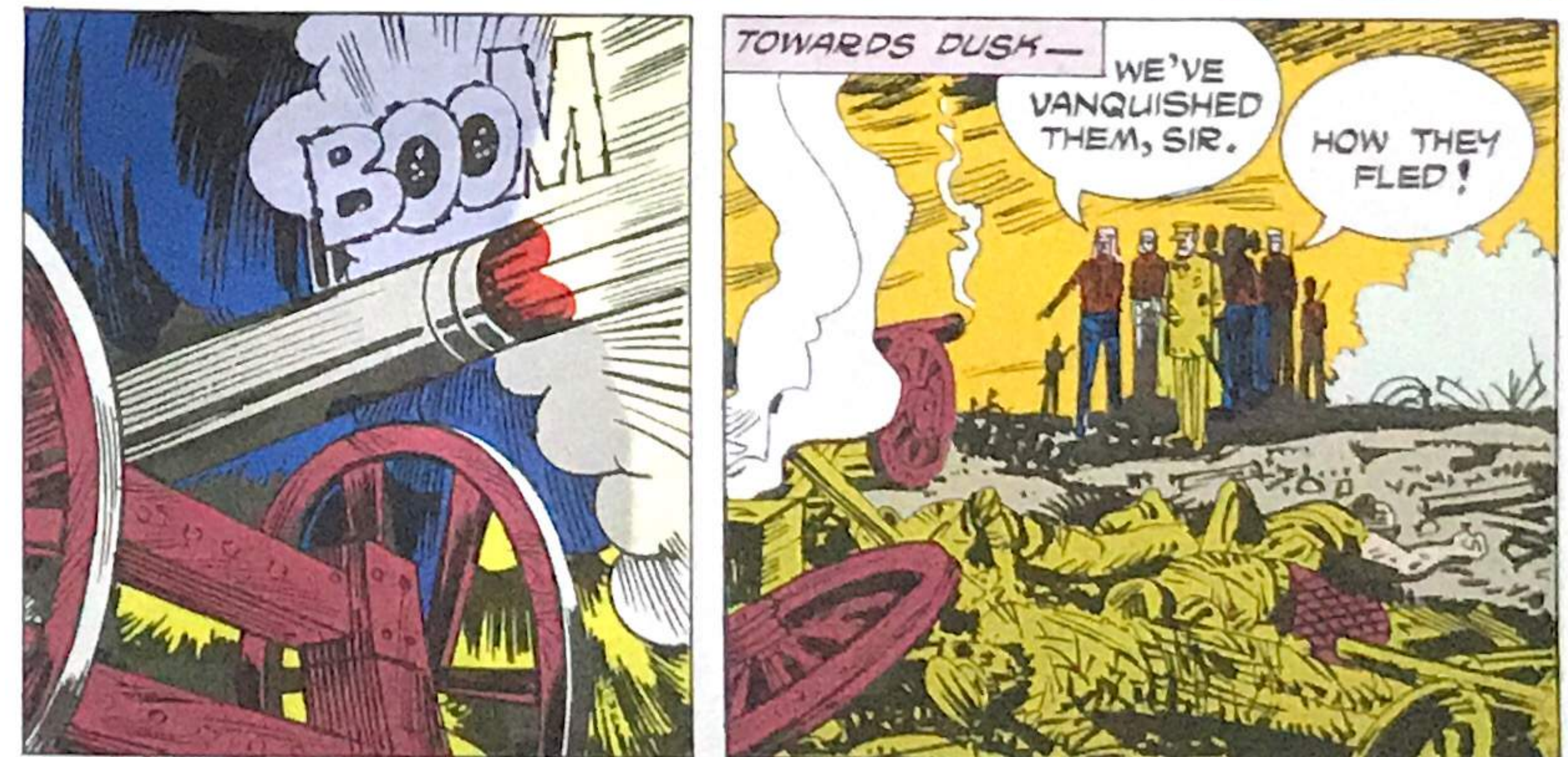
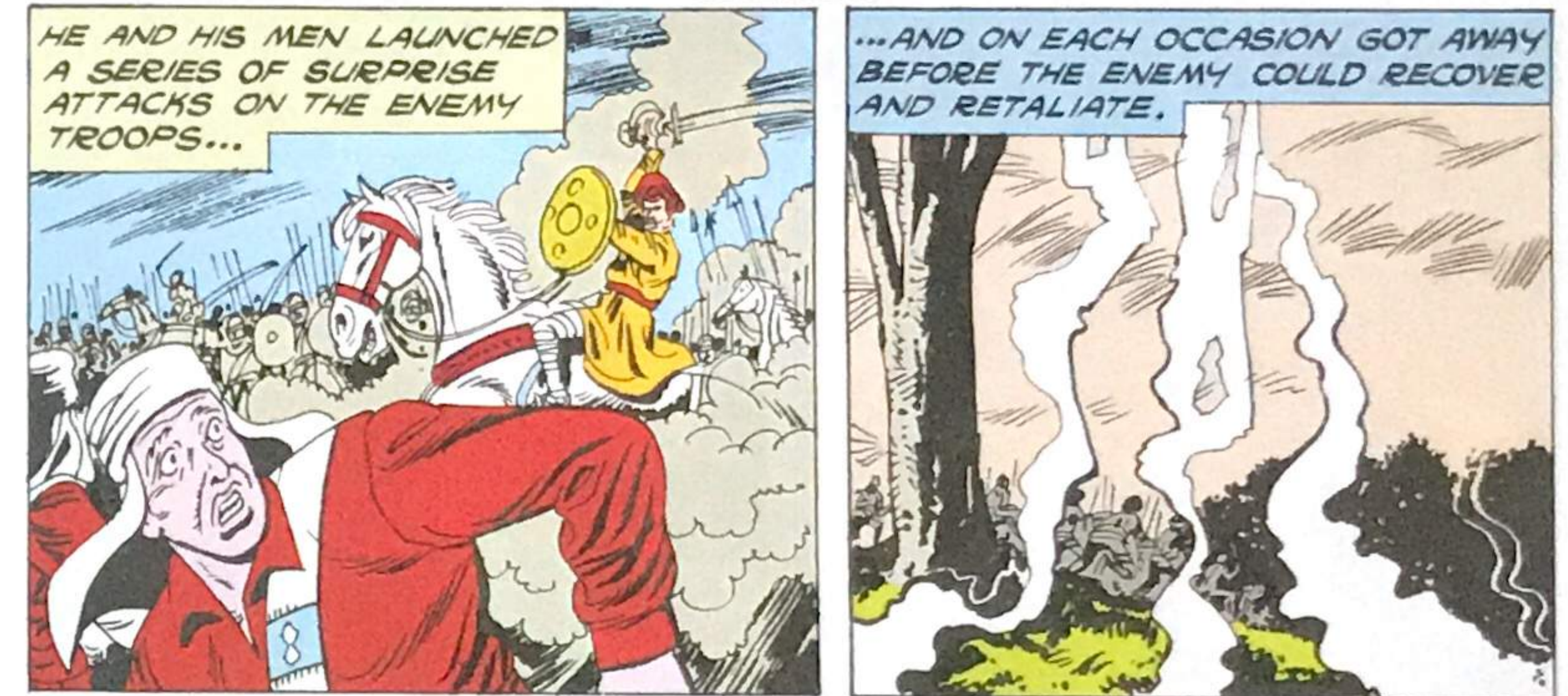
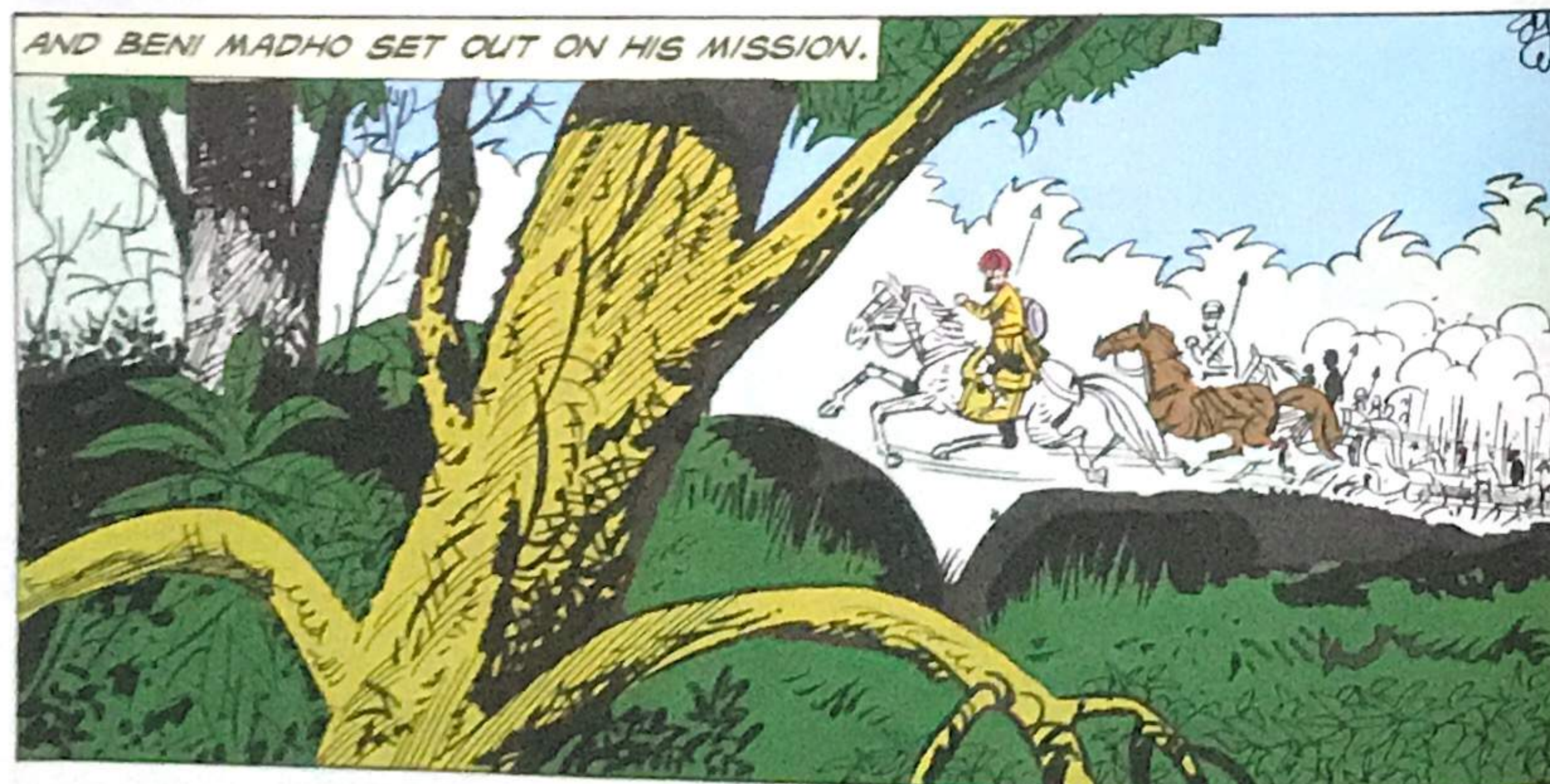


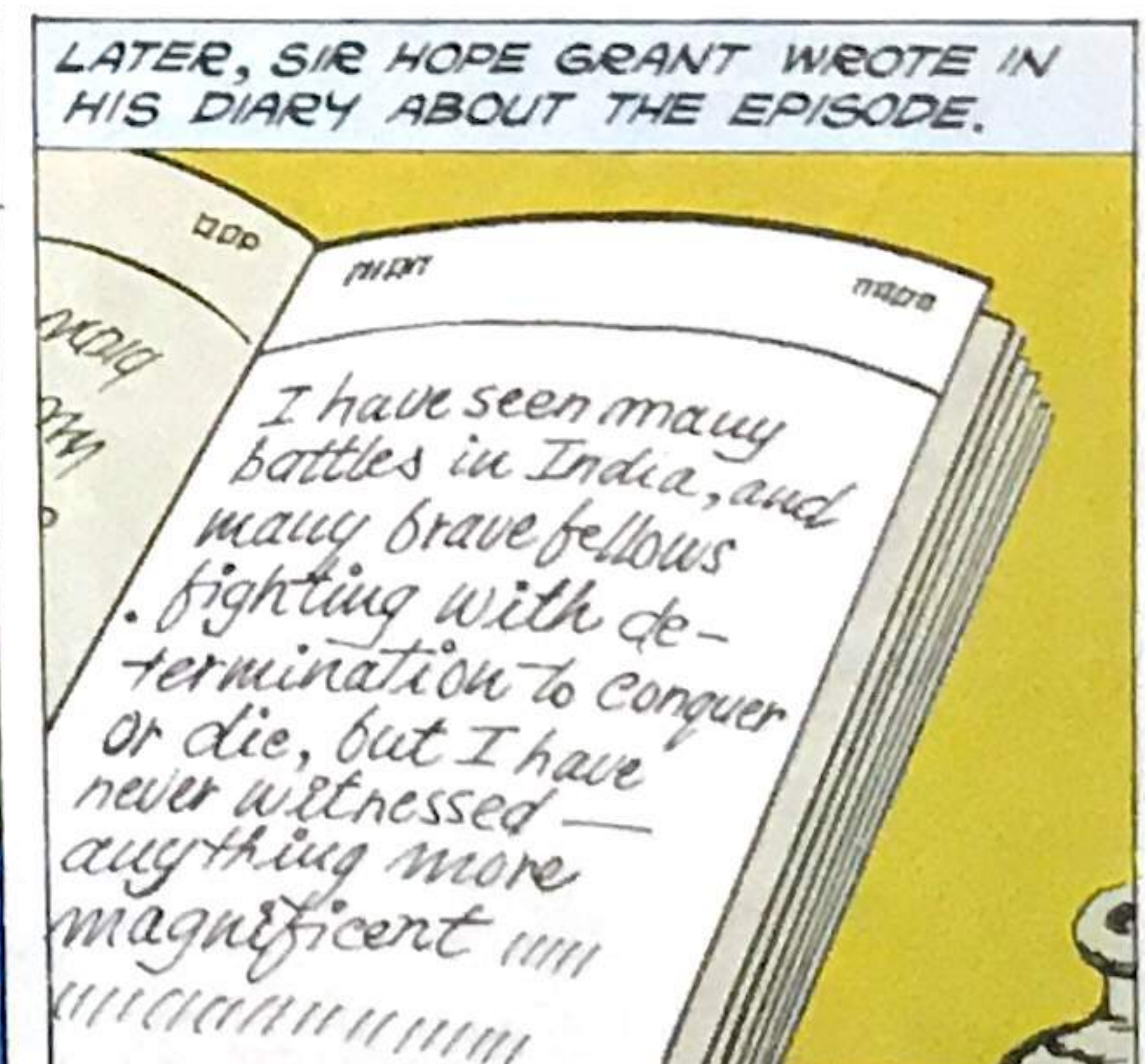
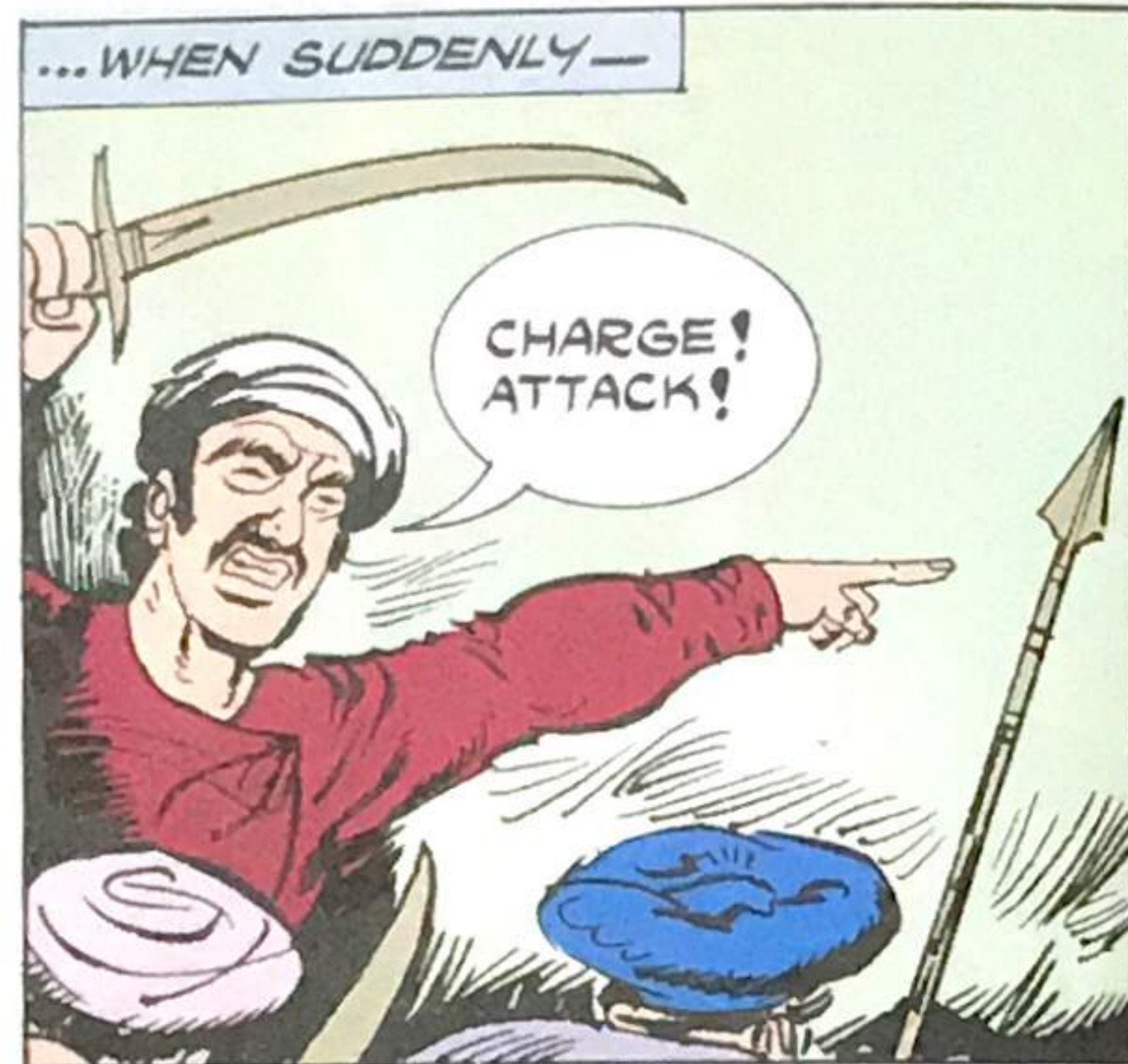




* OF 1857 † CAPITAL OF AVADH
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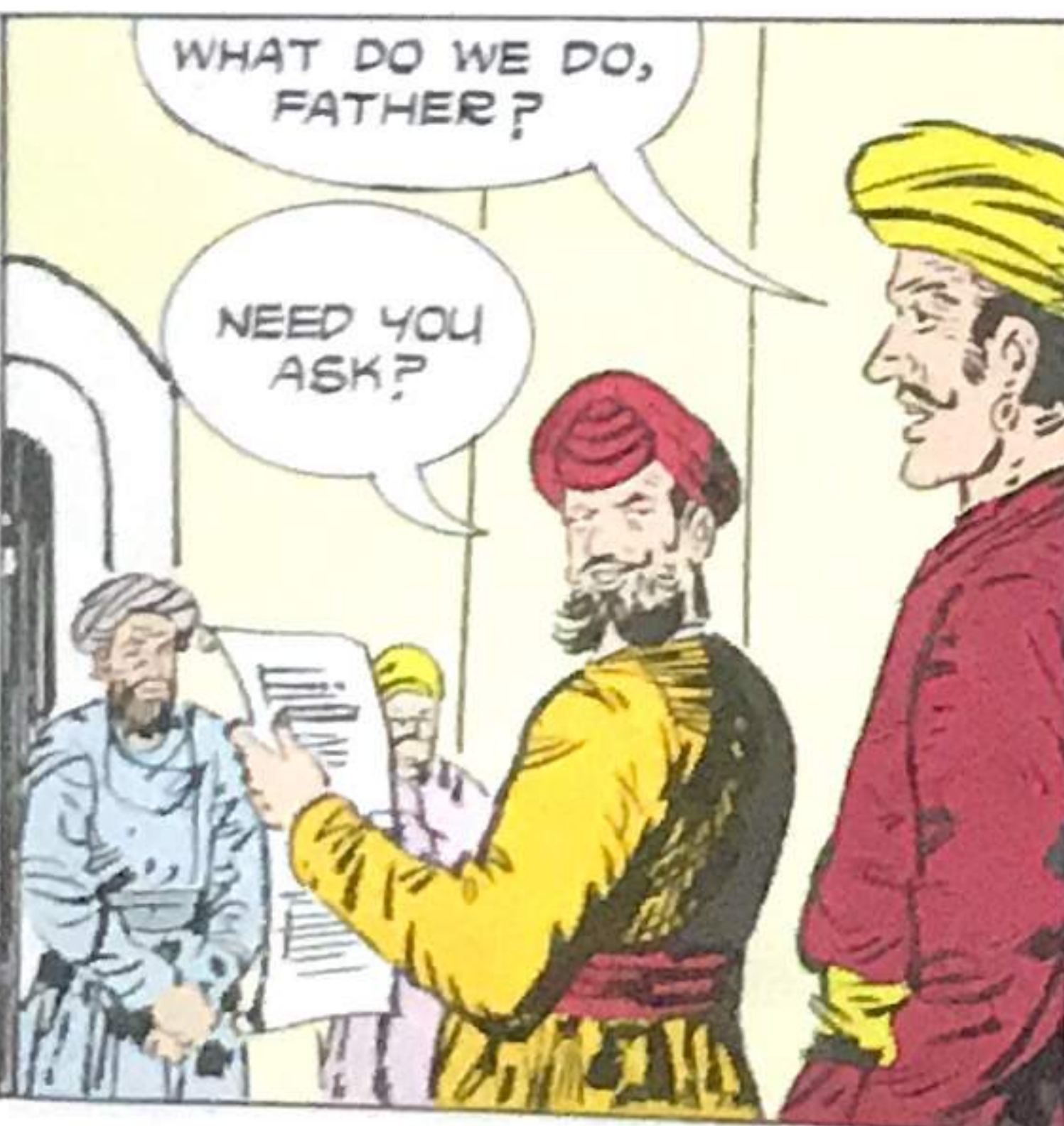
AT SHANKARPUR—



THE BRITISH QUELLED THE REBELLION BY THREATS, BRIBES AND MILITARY ACTION.



THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED THIS TIME. BUT WILL THEY SUCCEED IN REBELLIONS YET TO COME?



WHAT DO WE DO, FATHER?

NEED YOU ASK?

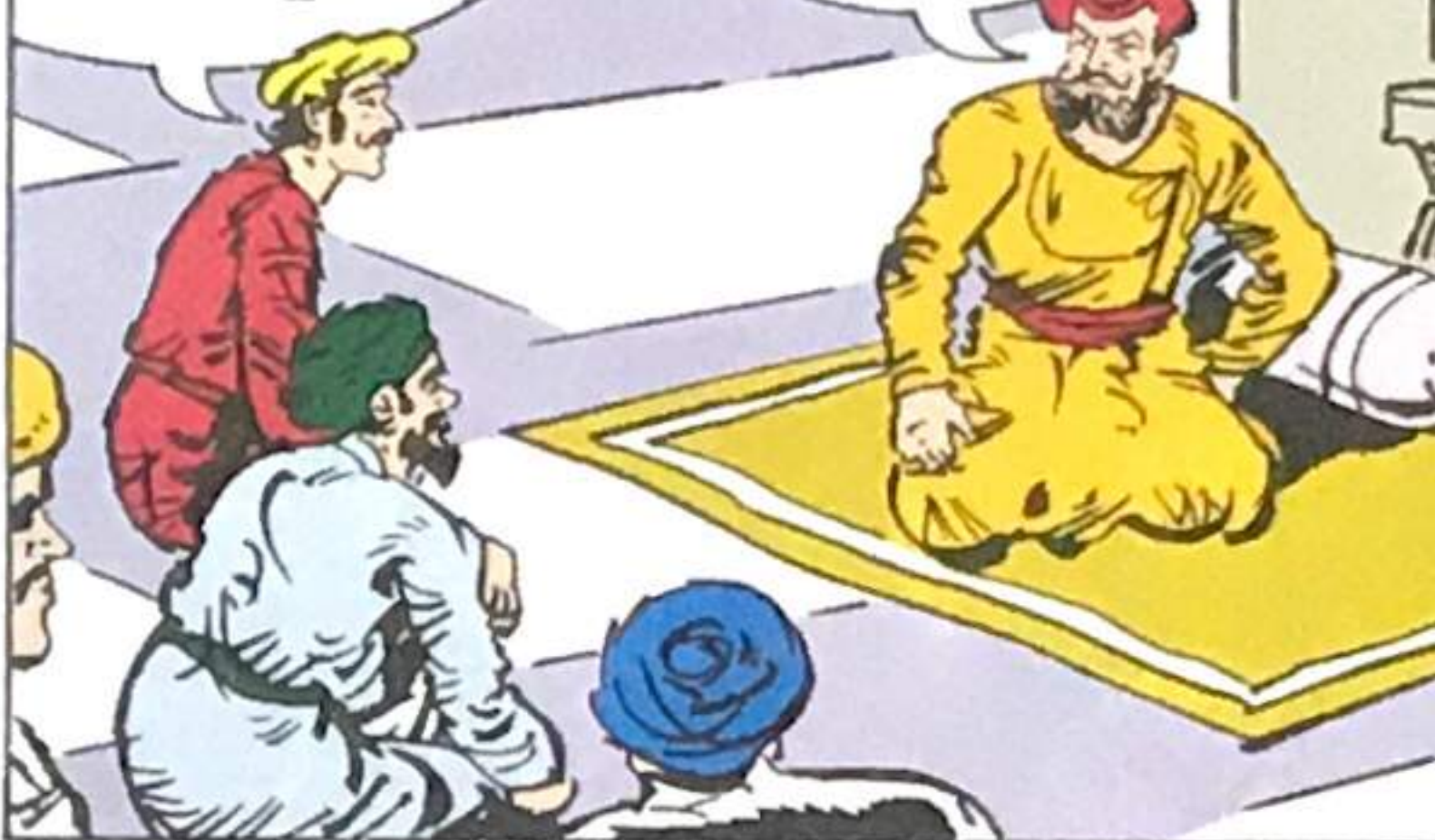


WE CONTINUE THE FIGHT, TO THE FINISH!

A MONTH LATER—

FATHER, LORD CLYDE IS STATIONED SOUTH-EAST OF US...

AND HOPE GRANT NORTH-WEST.

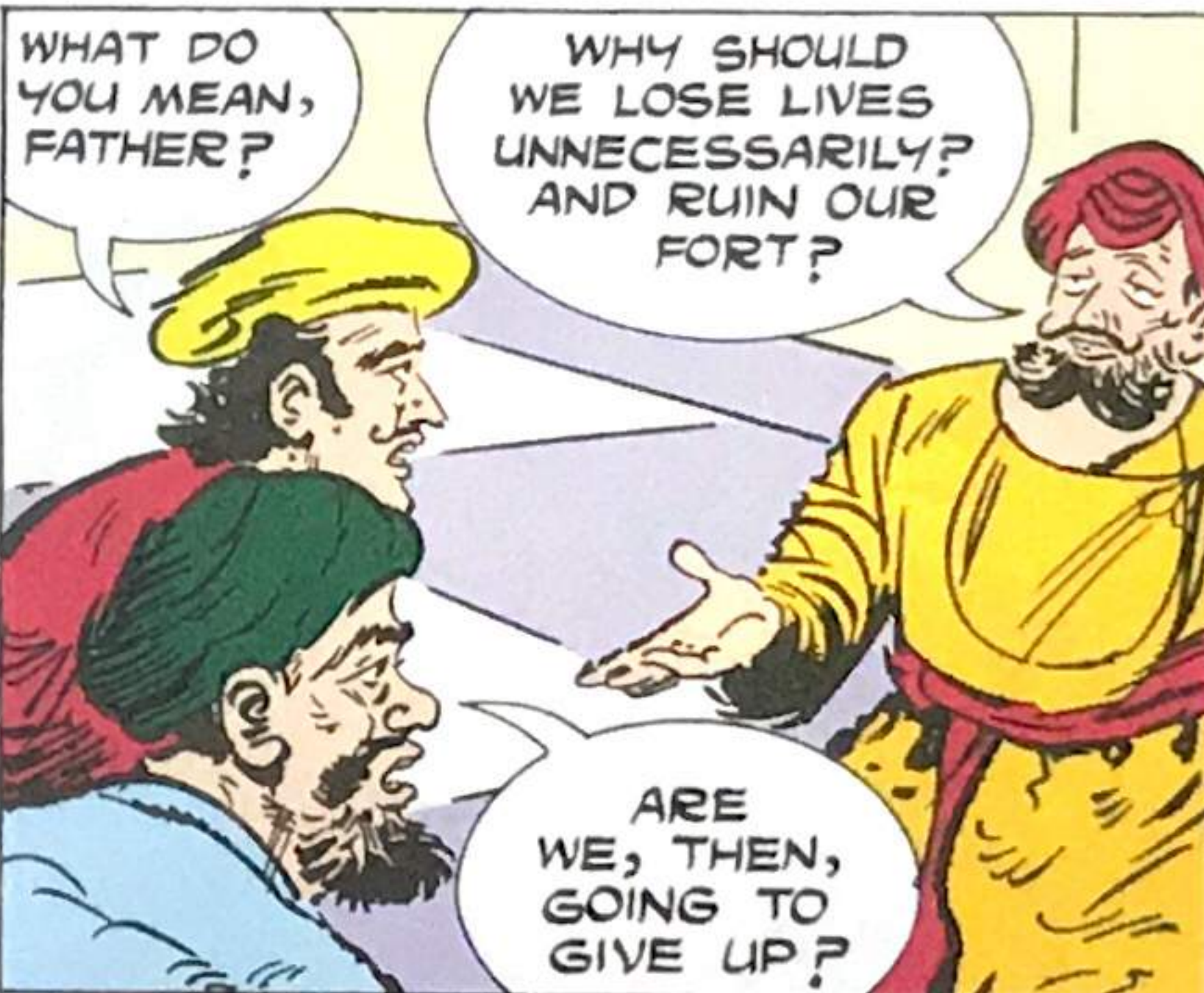


MY DEAR RAGHU, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF FIGHTING THIS TIME.



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, FATHER?

WHY SHOULD WE LOSE LIVES UNNECESSARILY? AND RUIN OUR FORT?



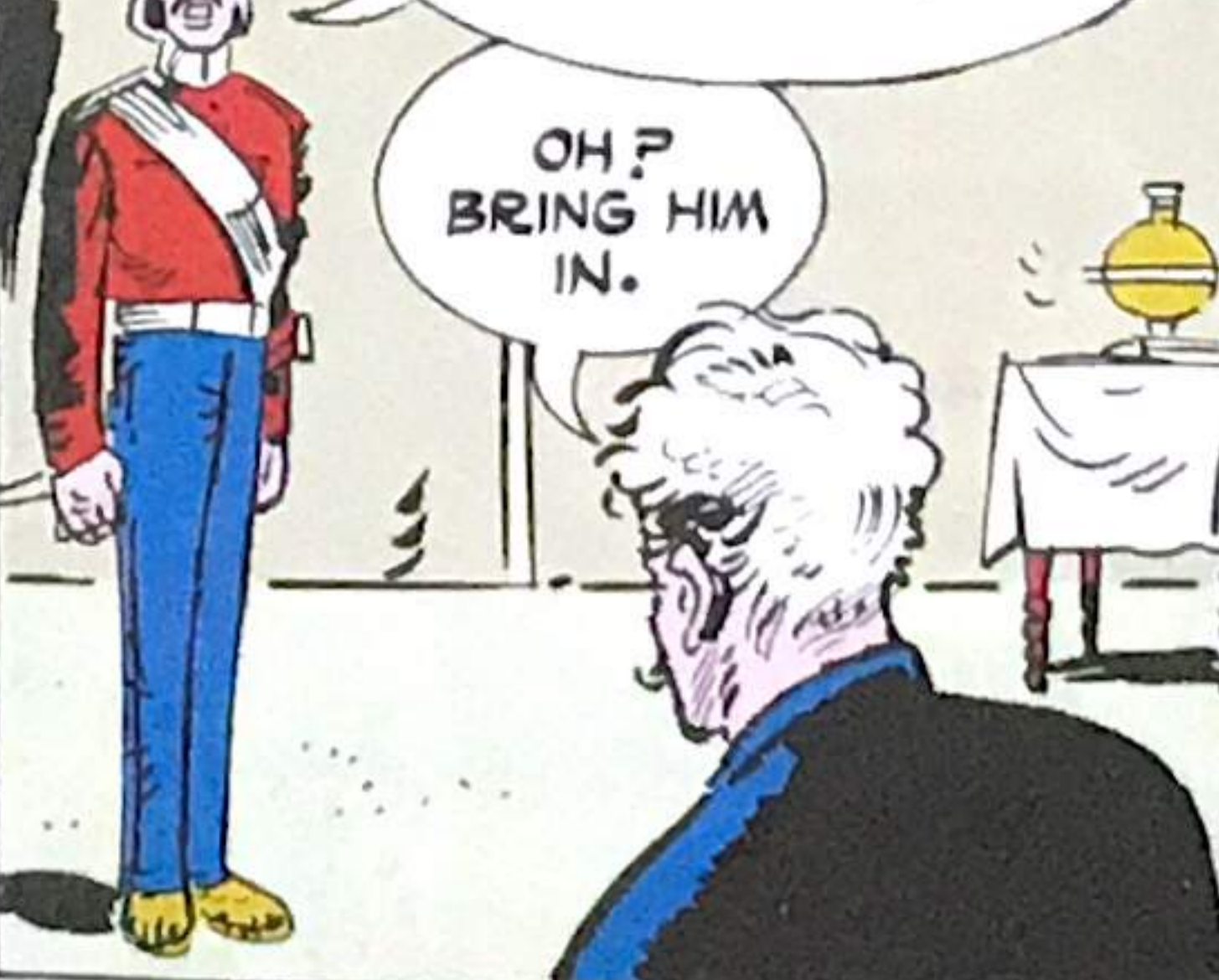
ARE WE, THEN, GOING TO GIVE UP?



NO! NEVER! BUT...

A FEW HOURS LATER, AT LORD CLYDE'S CAMP—

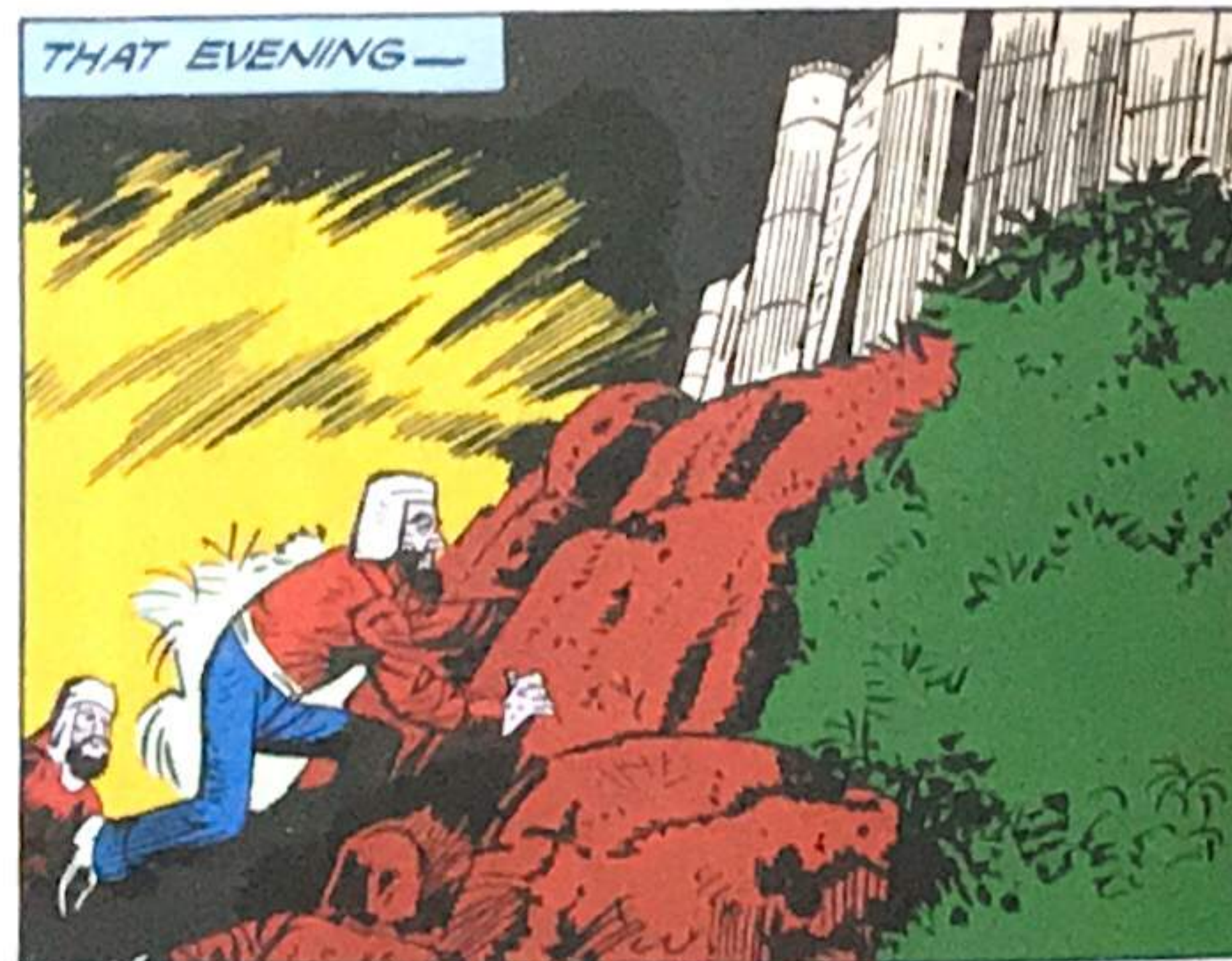
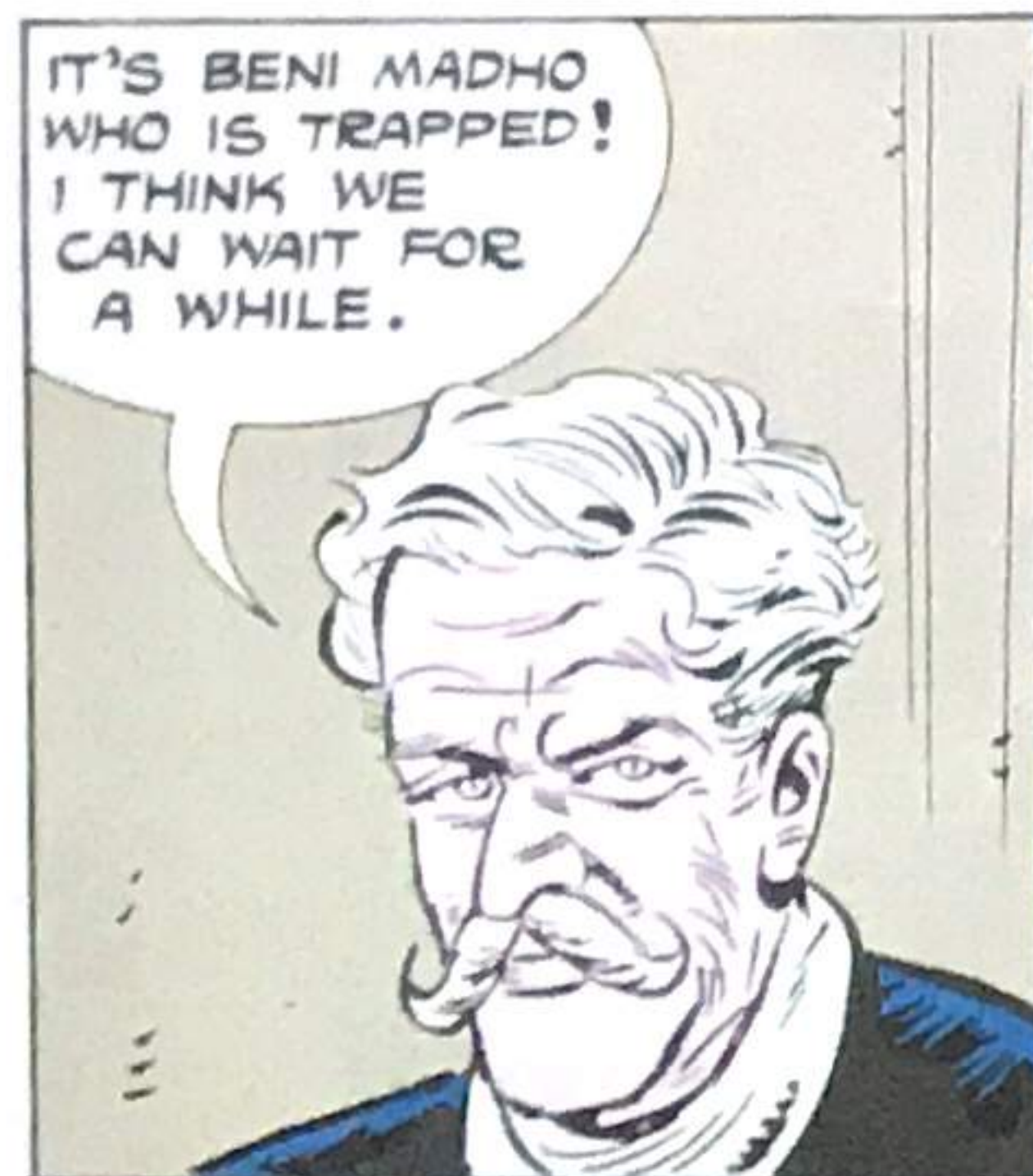
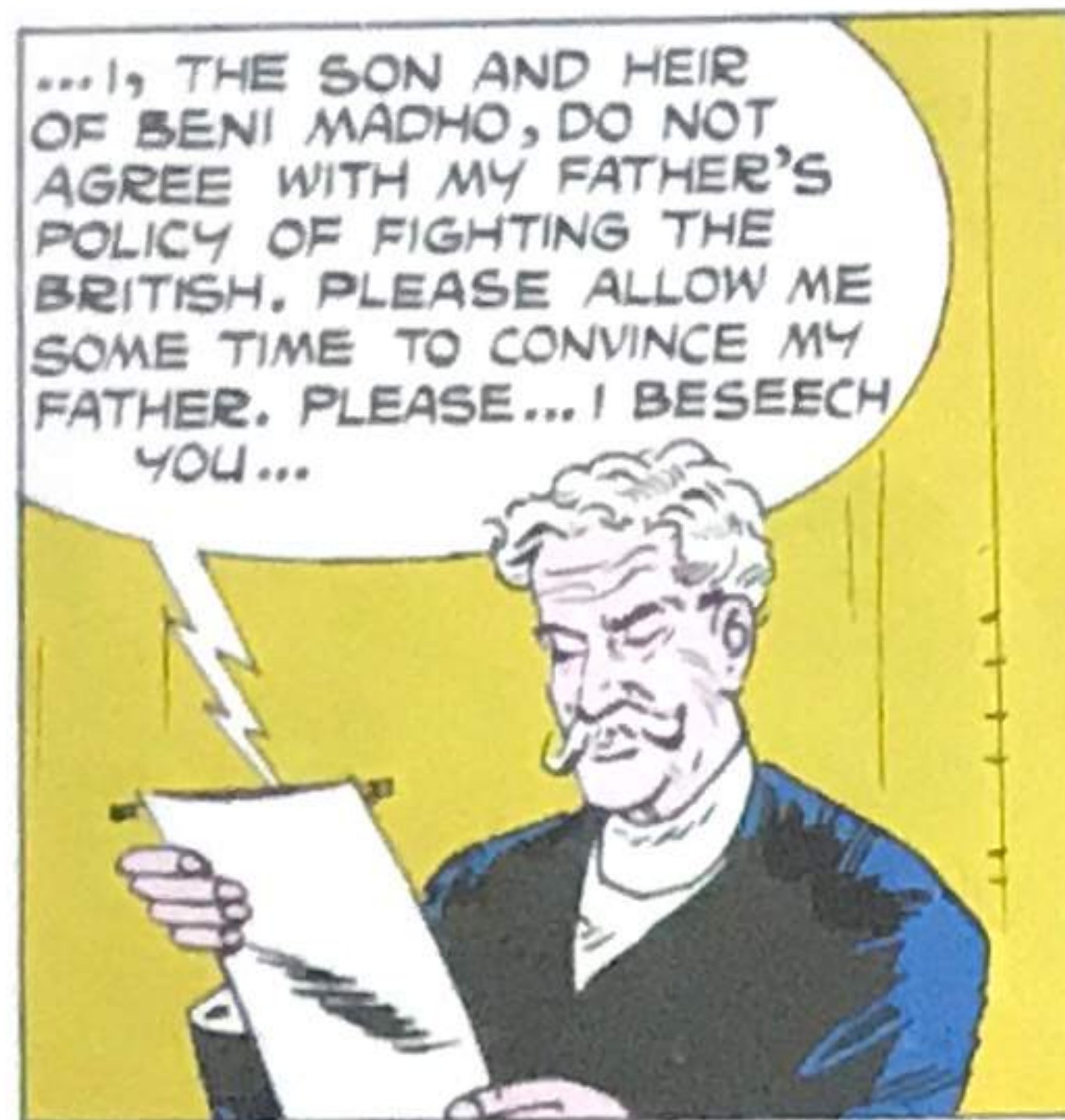
MY LORD, A MESSENGER FROM THE RANA IS HERE.



OH? BRING HIM IN.



HUZOOR, I COME WITH A LETTER FROM RAGHURAJ SINGH, THE SON OF RANA BENI MADHO.



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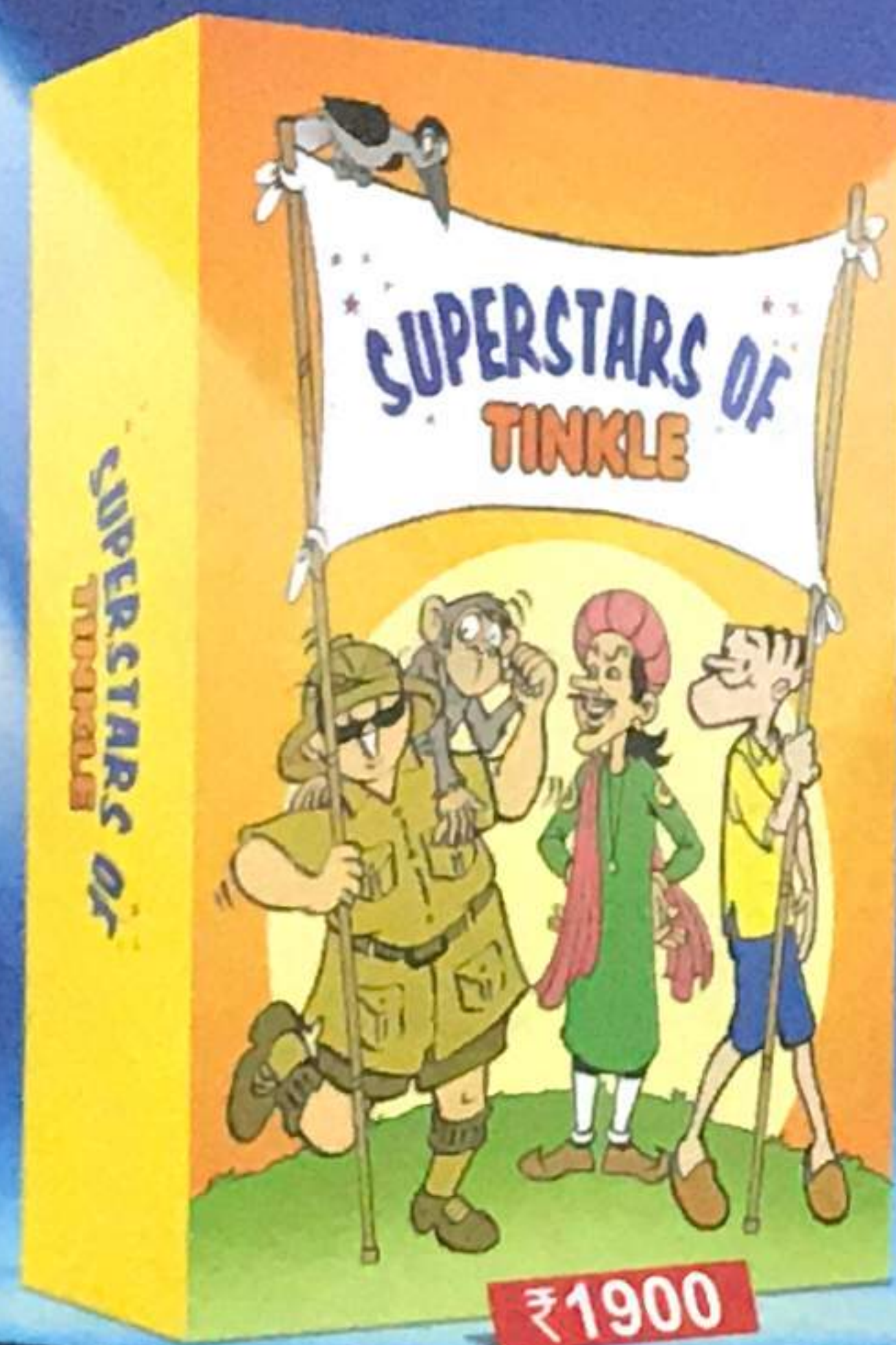


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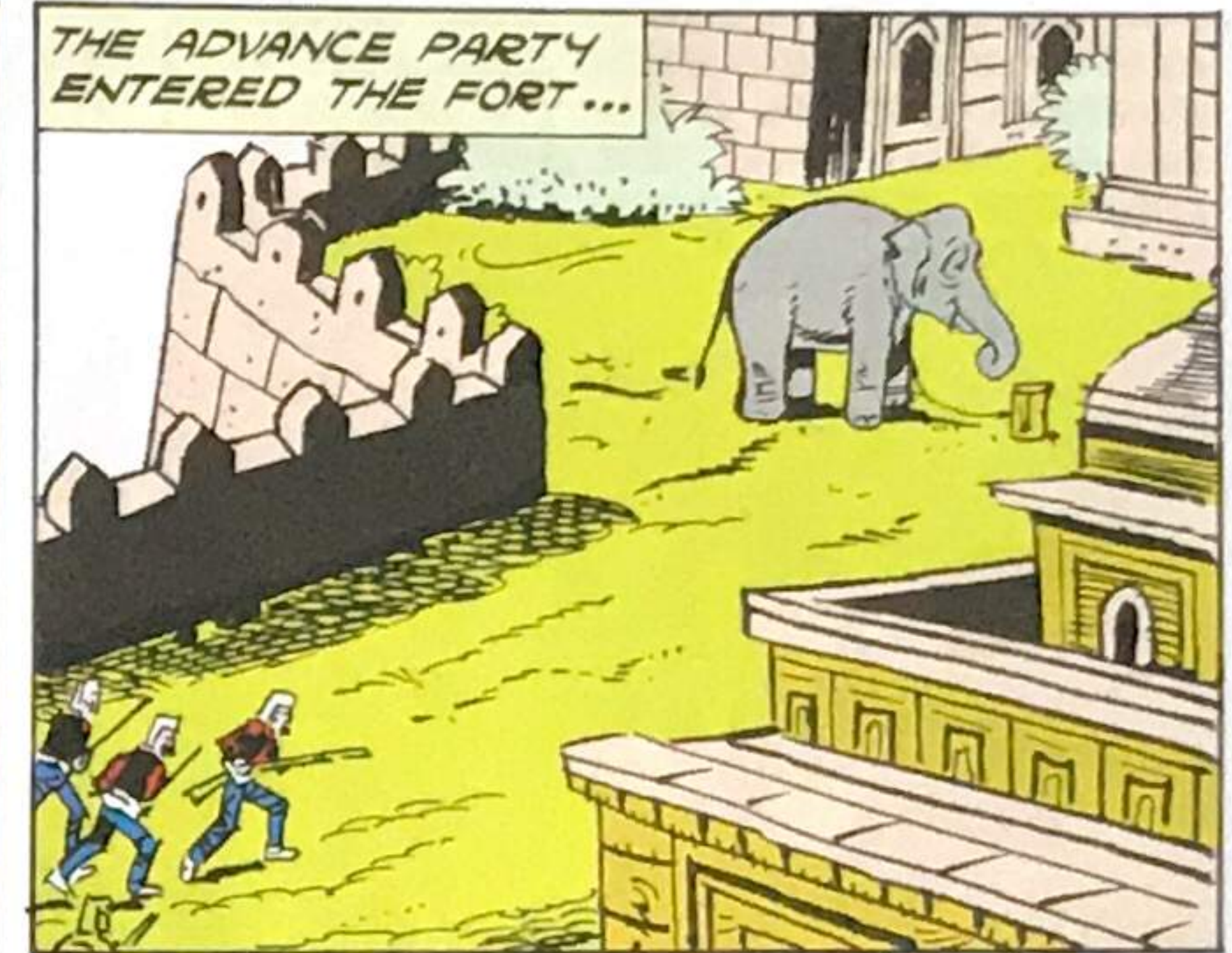
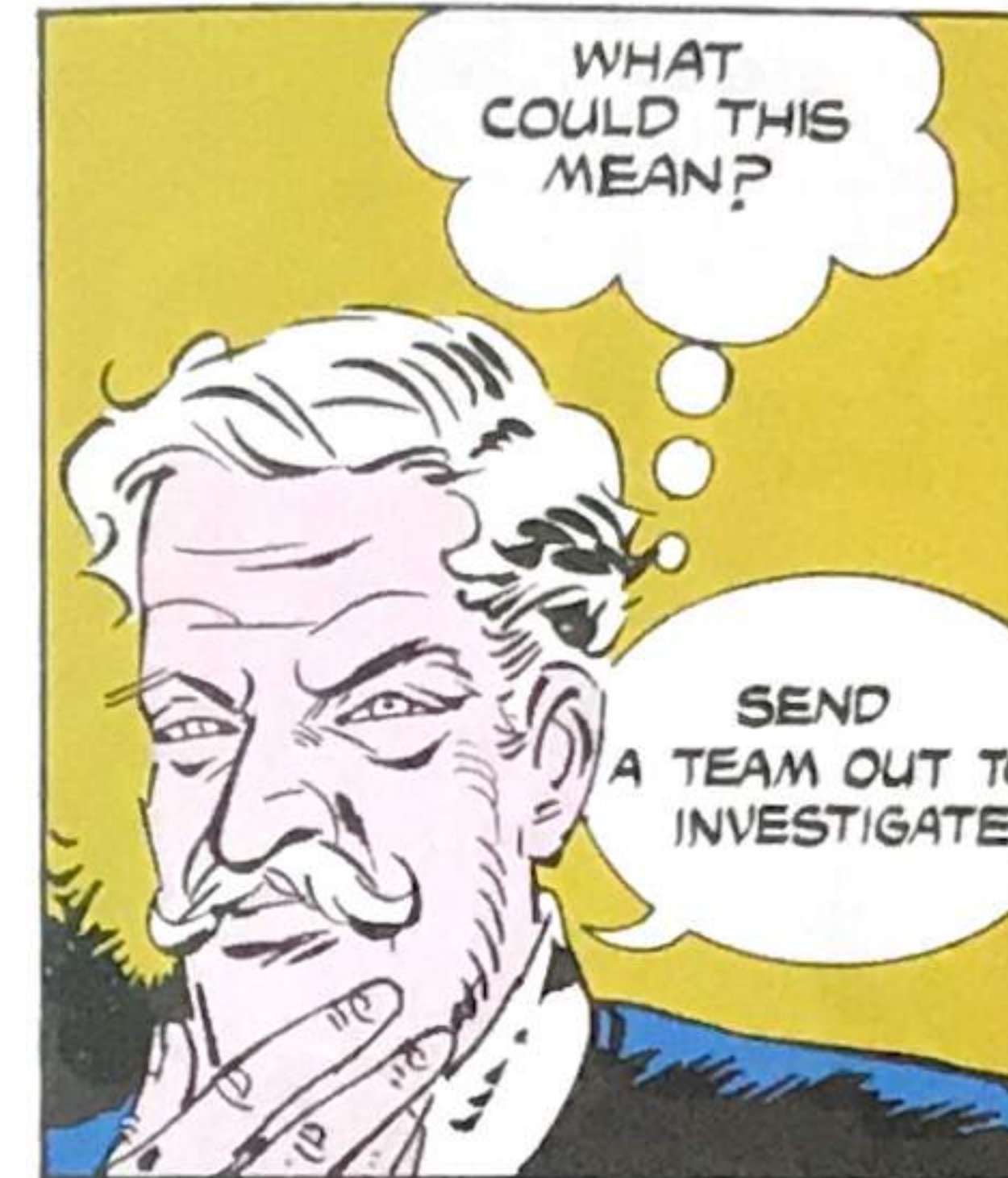
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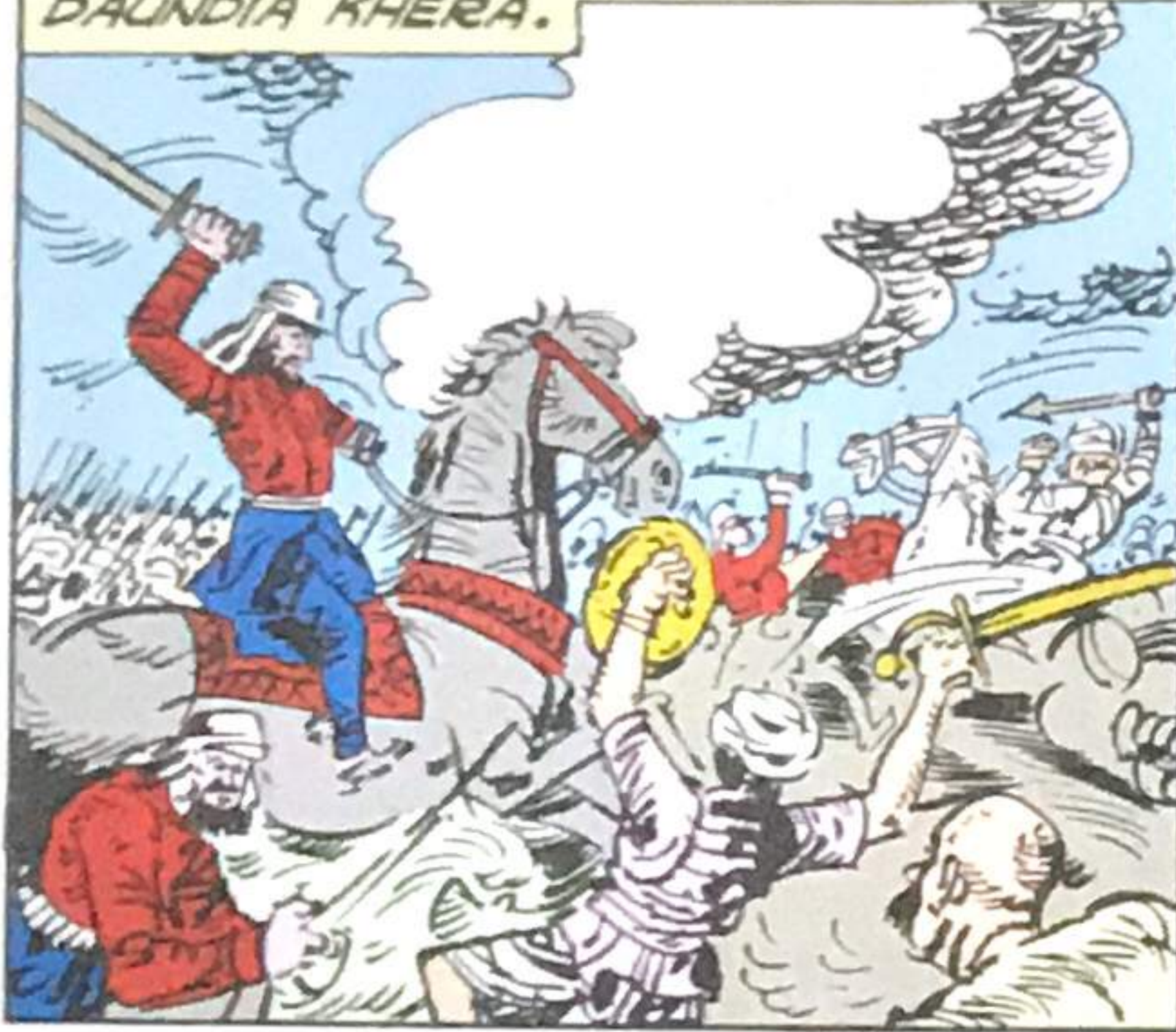
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CLYDE SENT BRIGADIER EVELEIGH IN PURSUIT OF THE RANA. ON THE WAY HEERA PASI GAVE HIM BATTLE AT DAUNDIA KHERA.

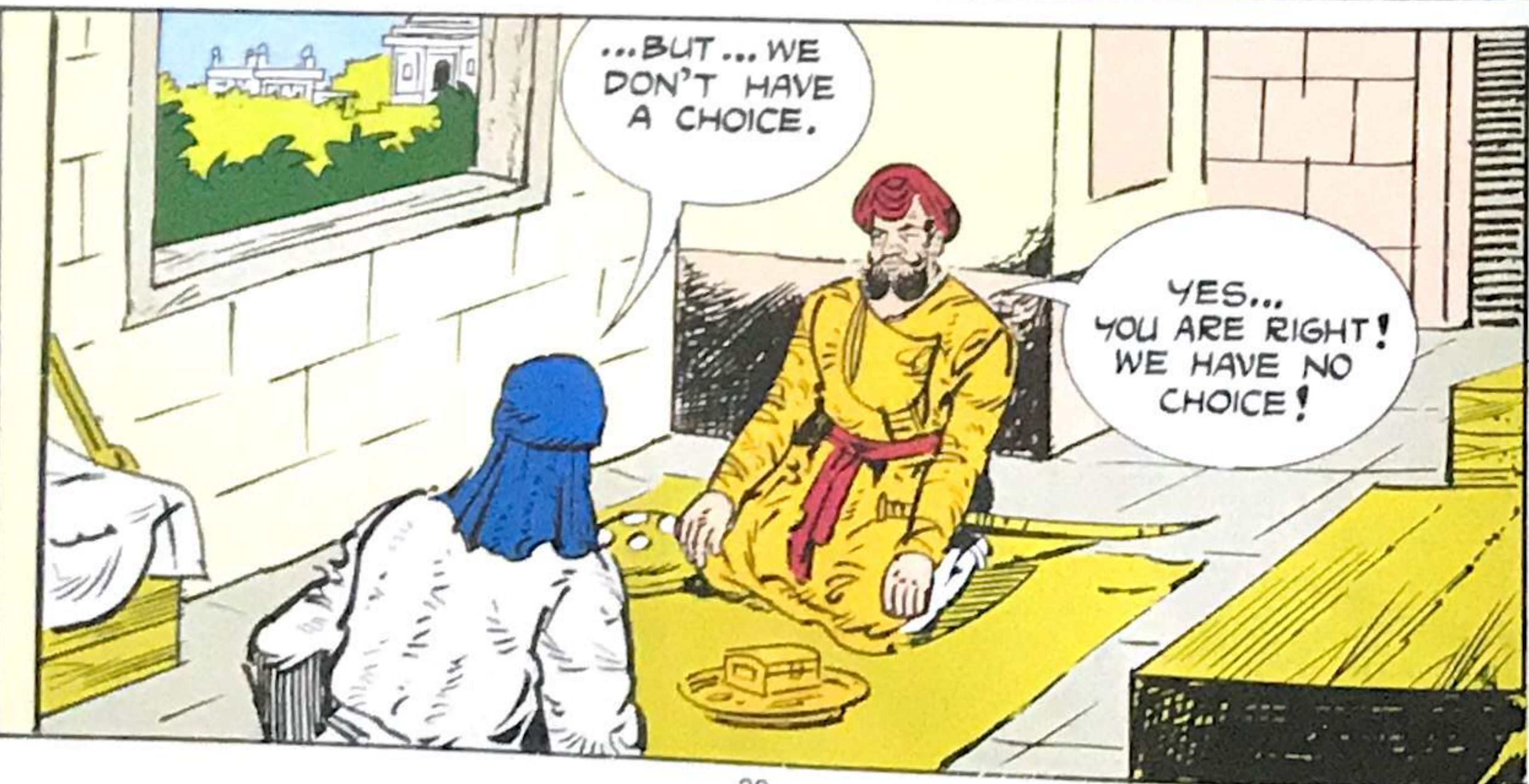


EVELEIGH HEADED TOWARDS PORAI, WHERE LATER A CONTINGENT SENT BY LORD CLYDE MET HIM.



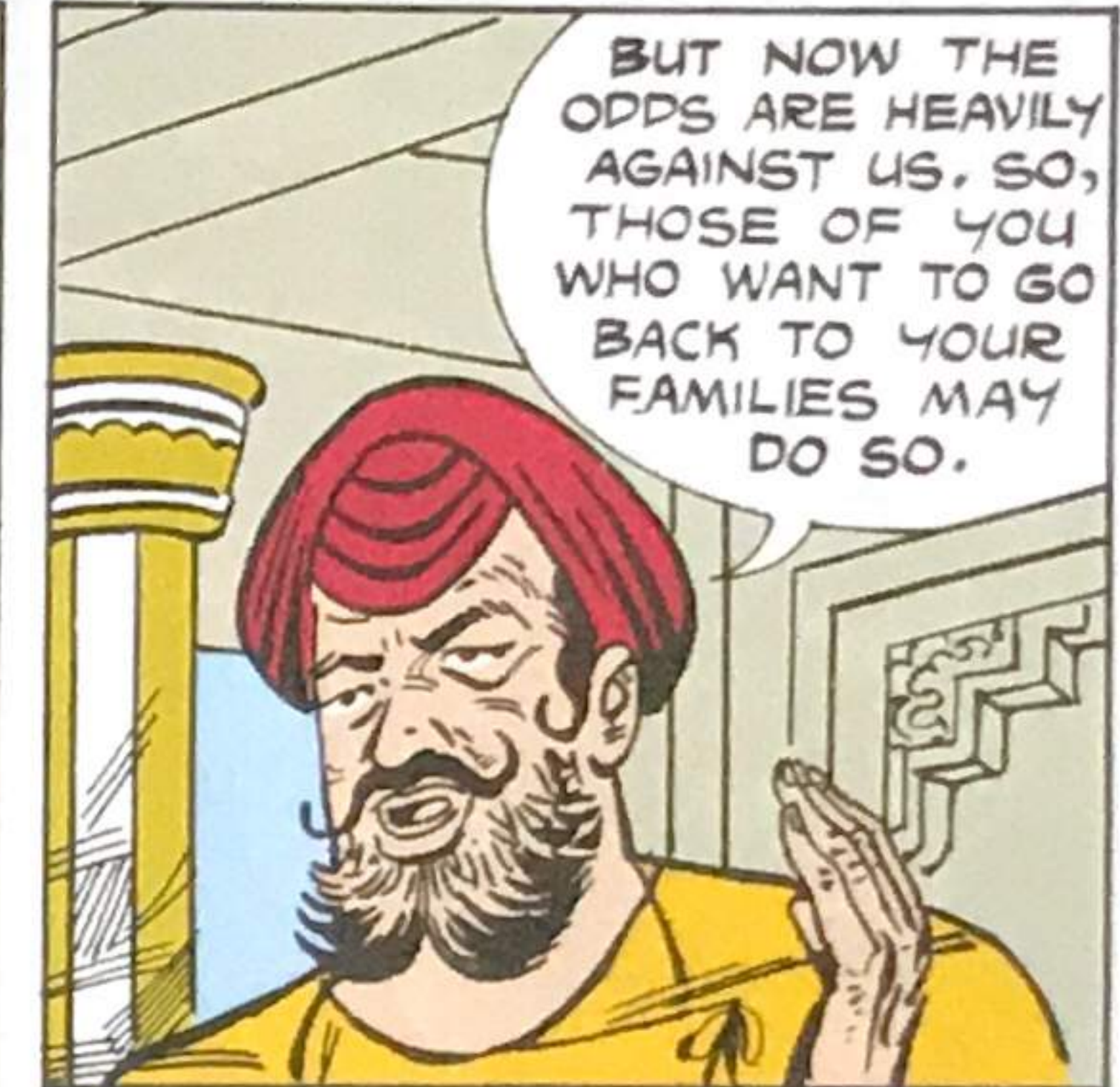
MEANWHILE AT BHEERA GOVINDPUR—

CHANDRIKA SINGH, I DISLIKE FIGHTING NEAR A TOWN. I CAN'T BEAR THE AGONIES THIS BRINGS TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN.



EARLY IN THE MORNING ON DECEMBER 17, 1858, THE RANA WORSHIPPED THE GODDESS AND THEN—

MY MEN, YOU HAVE STUCK TO ME THROUGH THICK AND THIN. I AM INDEBTED TO YOU FOR EVER.



NOT A SOUL MOVED.



AND THEN—

WE ARE WITH YOU.



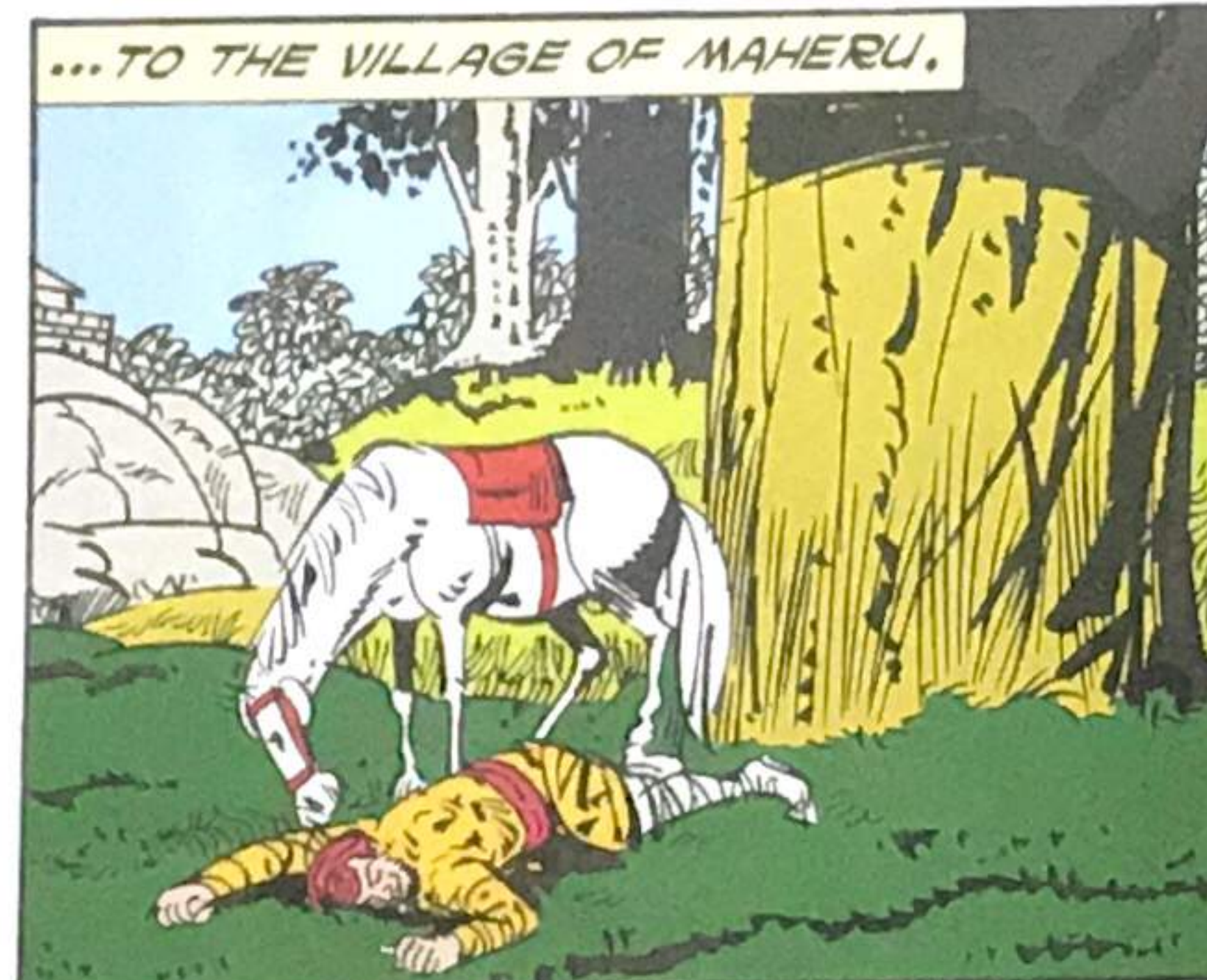
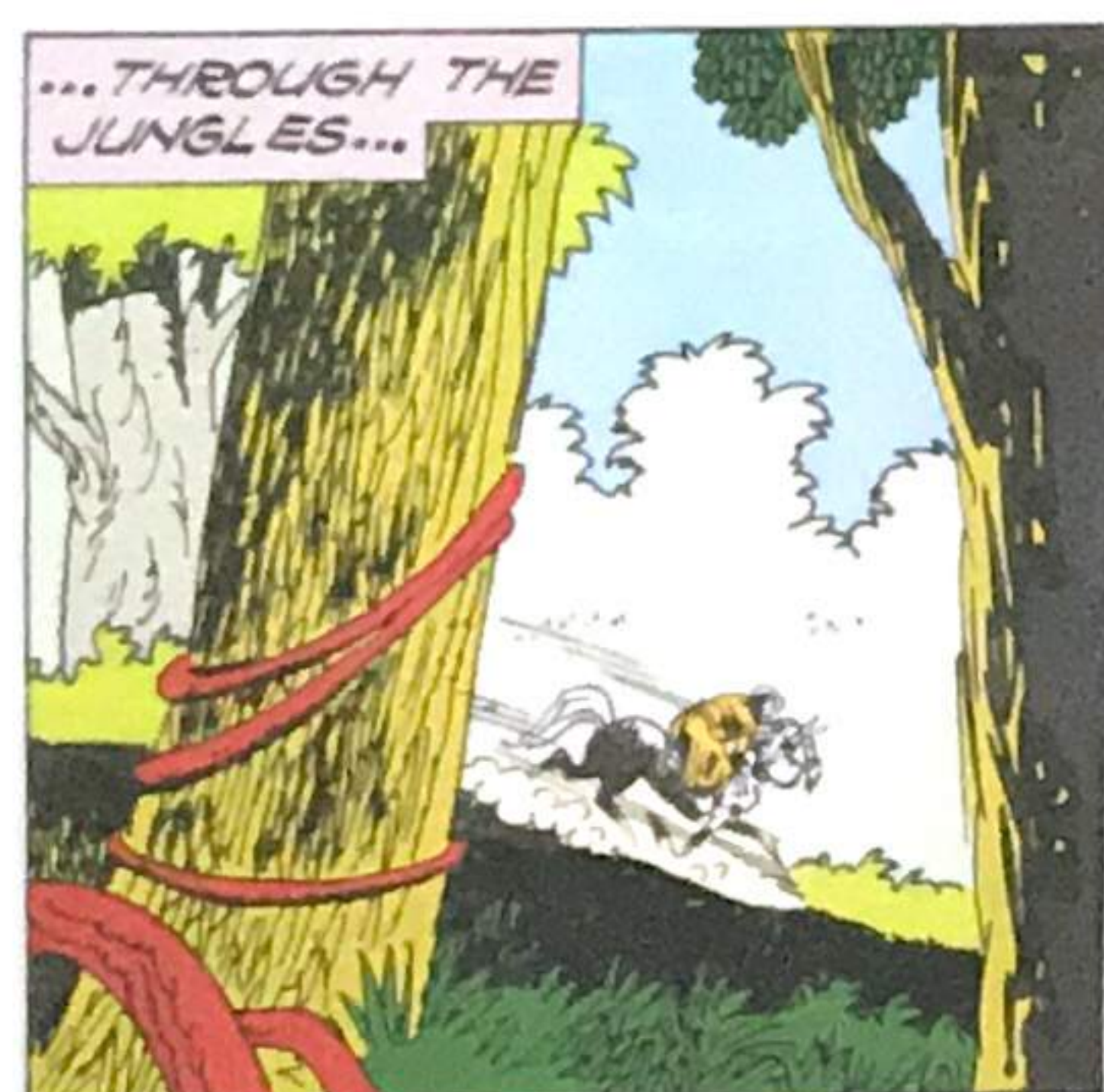
SOON—



SUDDENLY—

THE RANA! HE IS SURROUNDED!







BUT HE STAYED WITH YOU, DIDN'T HE? YOU NURSED HIM BACK TO HEALTH!



TELL US WHERE HE IS AND YOU'LL BE FORGIVEN!



THE RANA MEANWHILE HAD REACHED DAUNDIA KHERA. SOME DAYS LATER--

HUZOOR, THEY HANGED POOR LALCHAND!

AND RAZED HIS HOUSE TO THE GROUND.



THEN ONE DAY A VISITOR CAME TO MEET HIM.

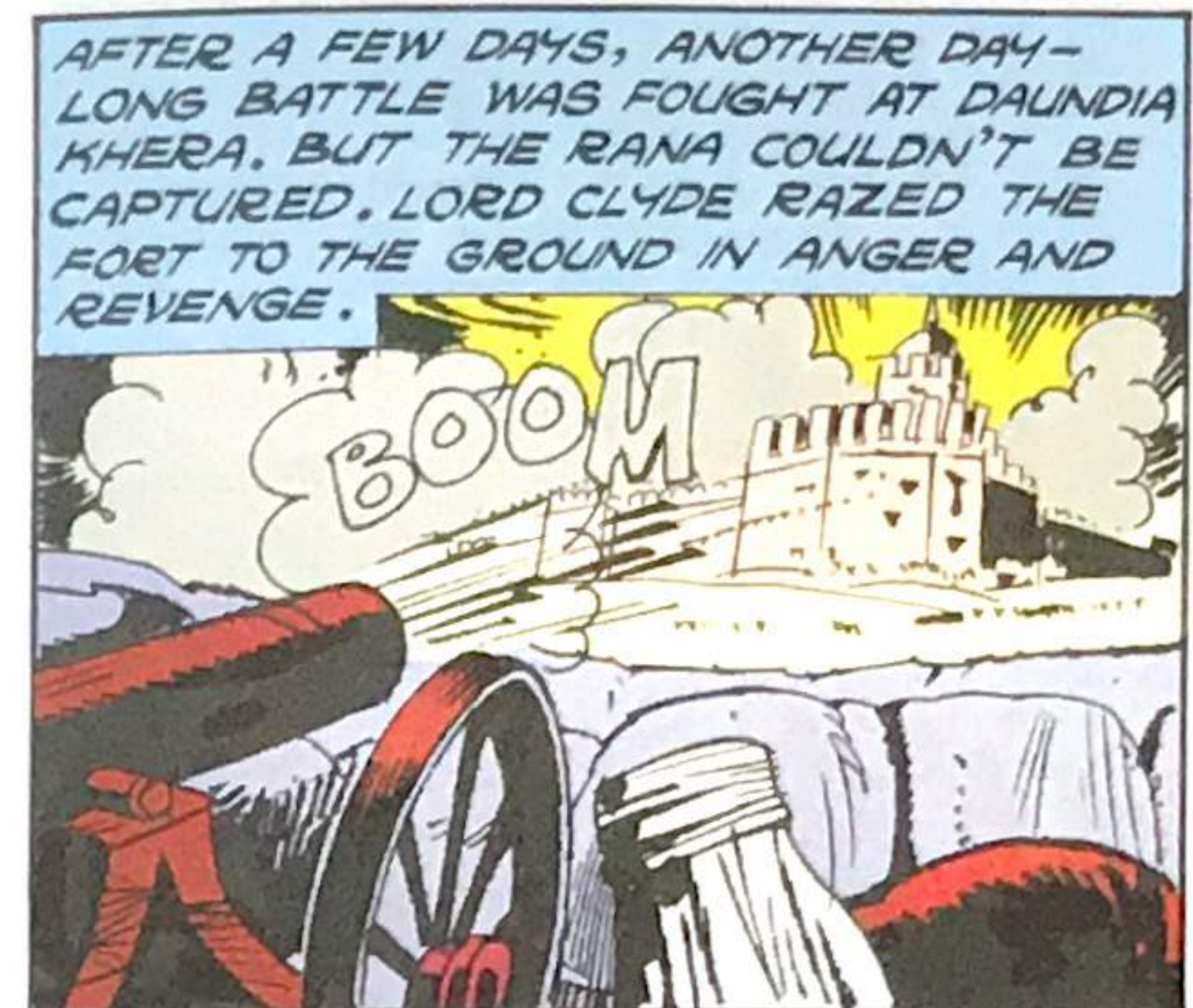
YOU ARE FIGHTING A LOSING BATTLE, RANA SAHEB. EVEN NOW IT'S NOT TOO LATE.

TOO LATE FOR WHAT?



TO SEEK PARDON. EVEN THE BEGUM IS FLEEING TO NEPAL.

THIS HEAD BOWS ONLY BEFORE GODDESS DURGA... OR MY KING!



AFTER A FEW DAYS, ANOTHER DAY-LONG BATTLE WAS FOUGHT AT DAUNDIA KHERA. BUT THE RANA COULDN'T BE CAPTURED. LORD CLYDE RAZED THE FORT TO THE GROUND IN ANGER AND REVENGE.



AFTER SOME TIME, THE SPIES BROUGHT NEWS.

SIR, THE BEGUM, NANA SAHEB, BENI MADHO ARE ALL ON THE RUN... TO NEPAL.



THEY ARE AT BAHRACH WITH ABOUT TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND MEN.

TO BAHRACH, THEN!



LORD CLYDE REACHED THE FOREST OF NANAPARA, NEAR THE NORTHERN BORDER OF AVADH. A FIERCE BATTLE FOLLOWED, BUT --

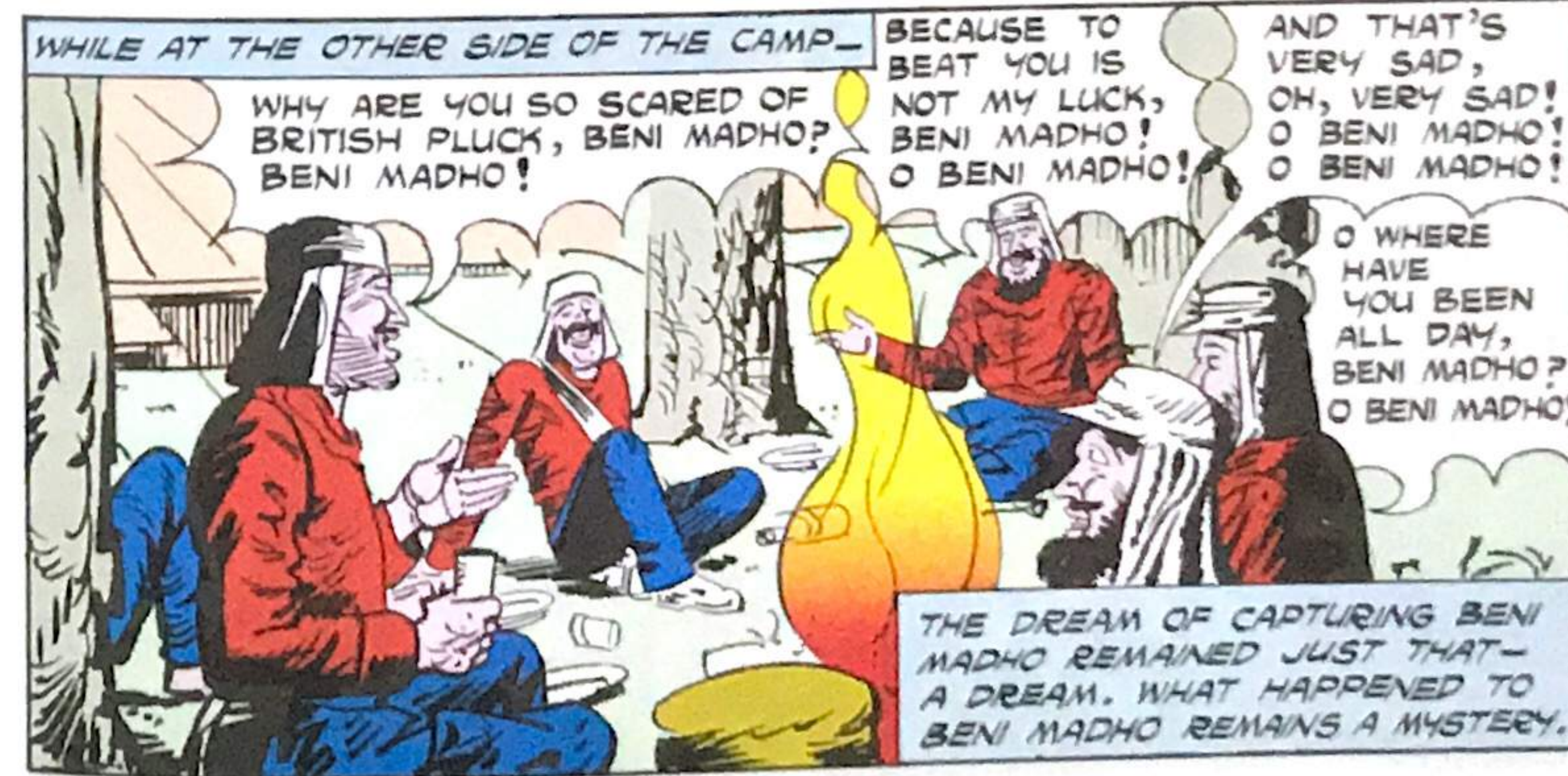
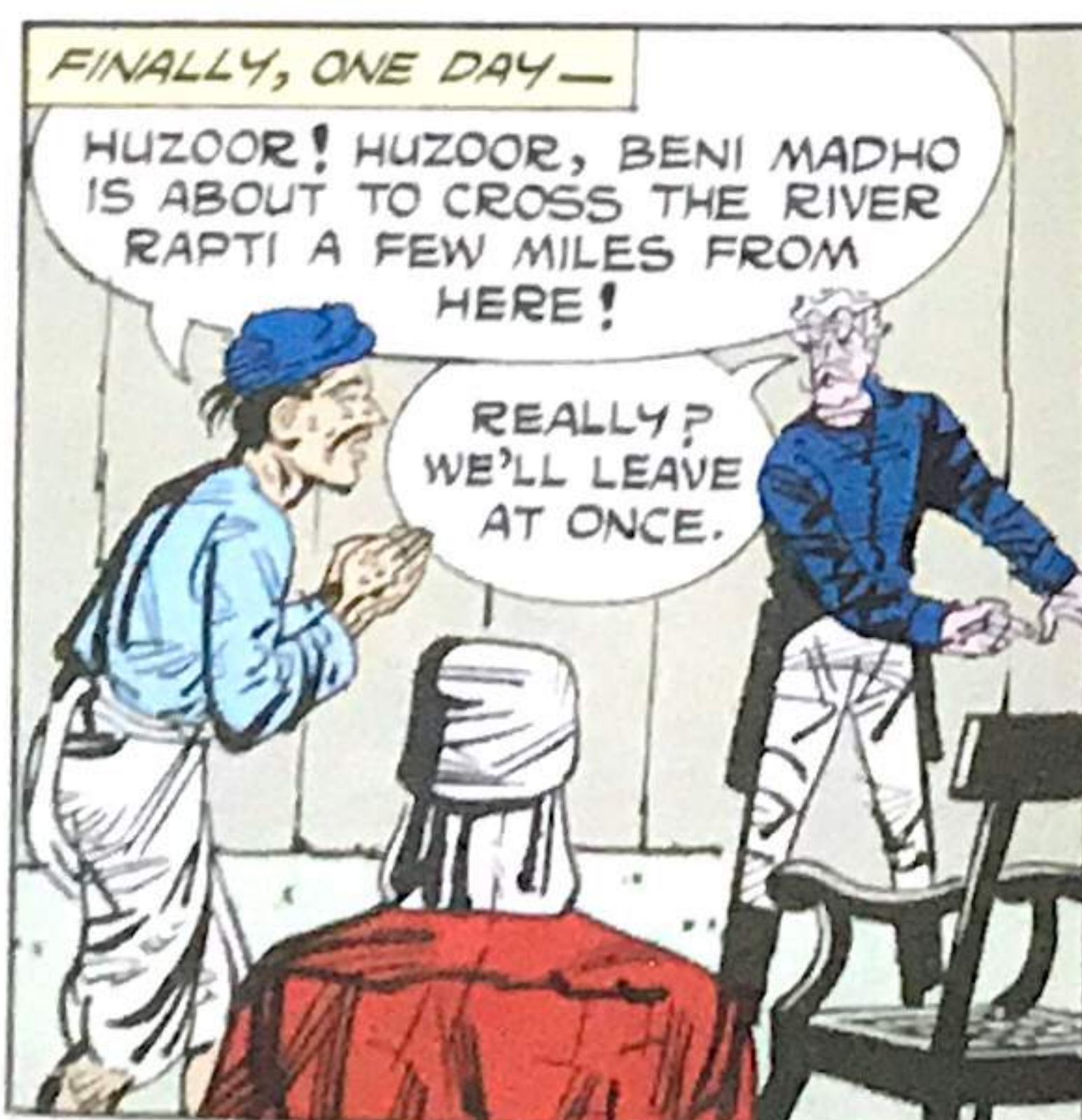
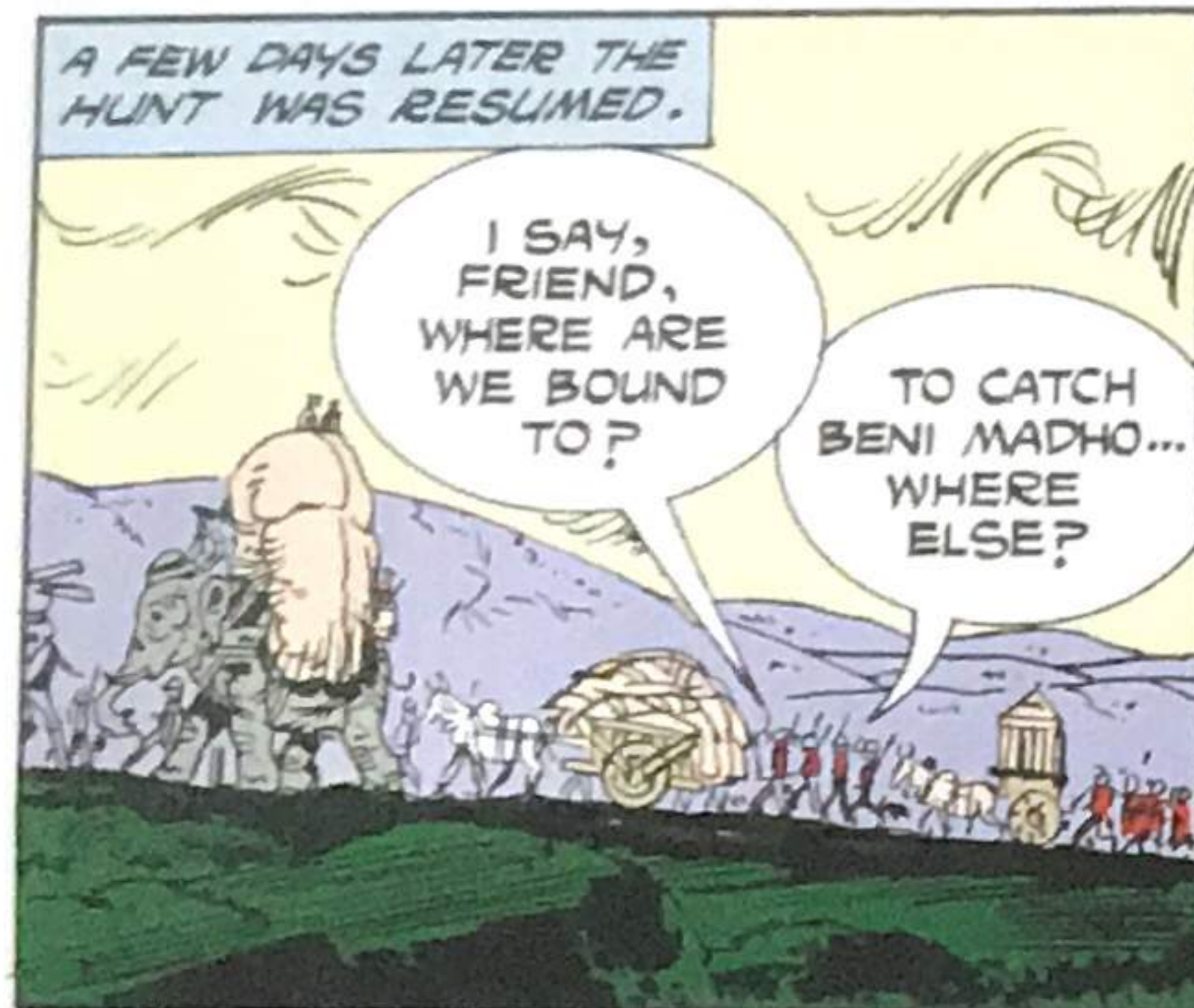
NOT ONE! NOT A SINGLE NOTABLE REBEL LEADER CAUGHT! WHAT STUFF ARE THEY MADE OF!



THE BRITISH PRESS IS AWARDEDING ME WITH SUPERLATIVES...!

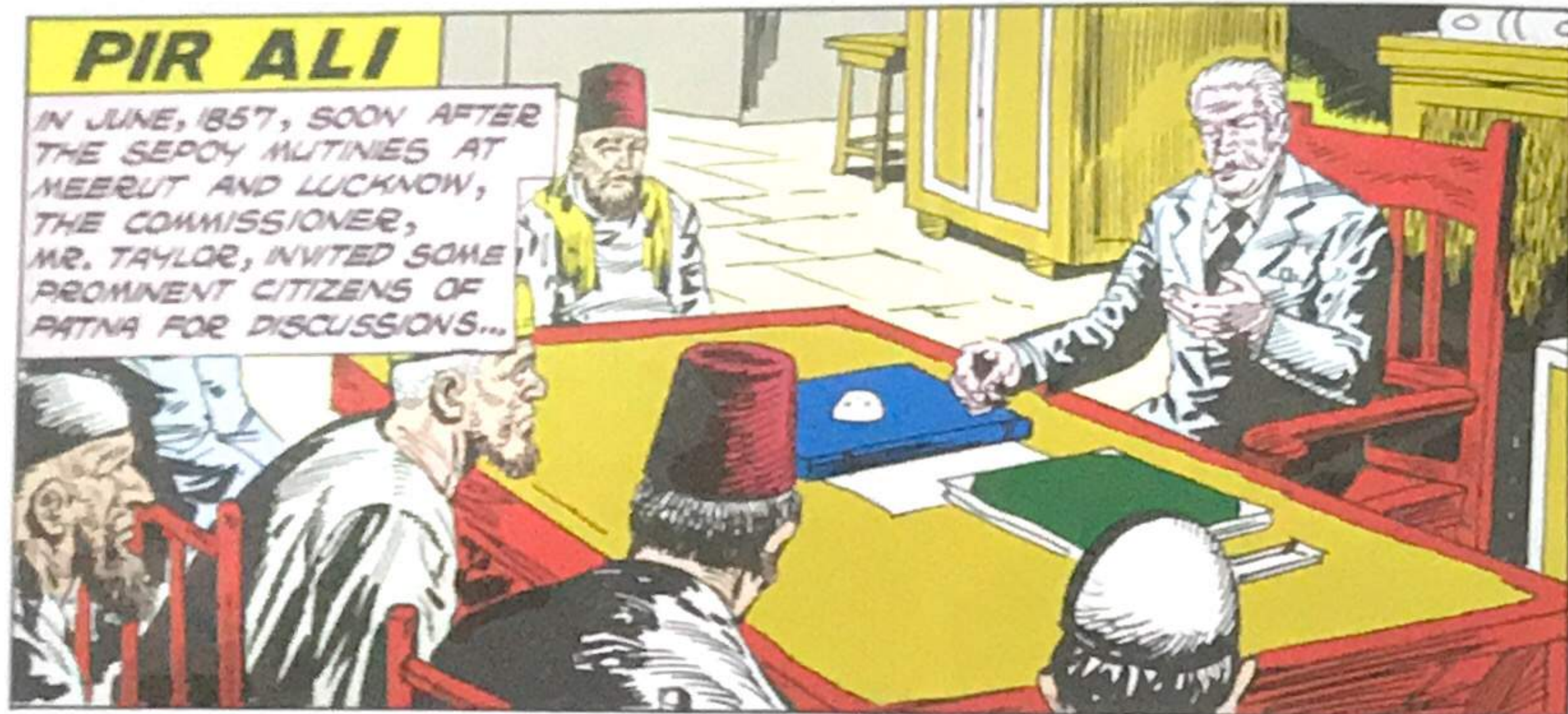


BENI MADHO... I'LL CATCH YOU YET... SOME DAY SOMEWHERE!

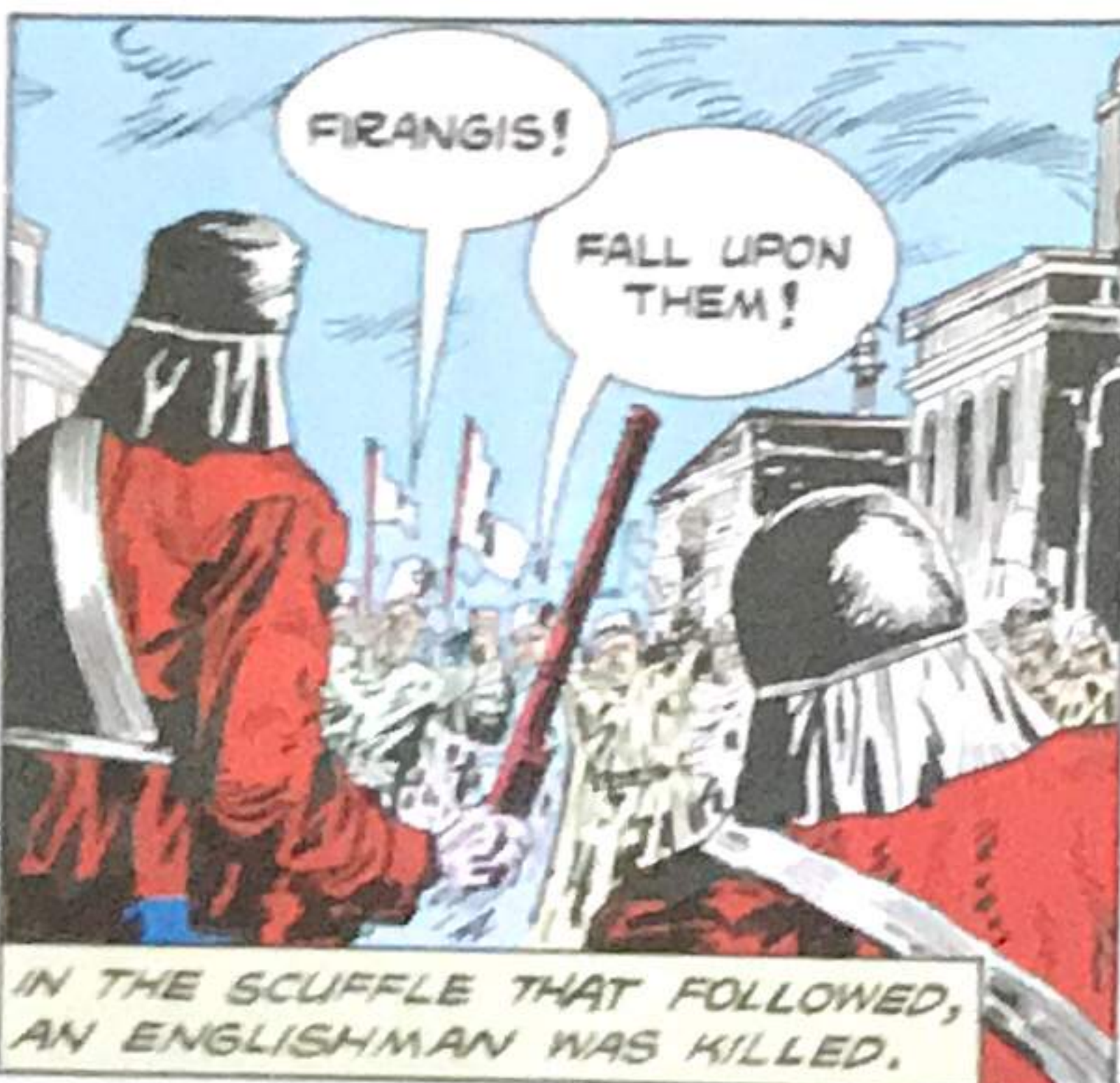


PIR ALI

IN JUNE, 1857, SOON AFTER THE SEPOY MUTINIES AT MEERUT AND LUCKNOW, THE COMMISSIONER, MR. TAYLOR, INVITED SOME PROMINENT CITIZENS OF PATNA FOR DISCUSSIONS...



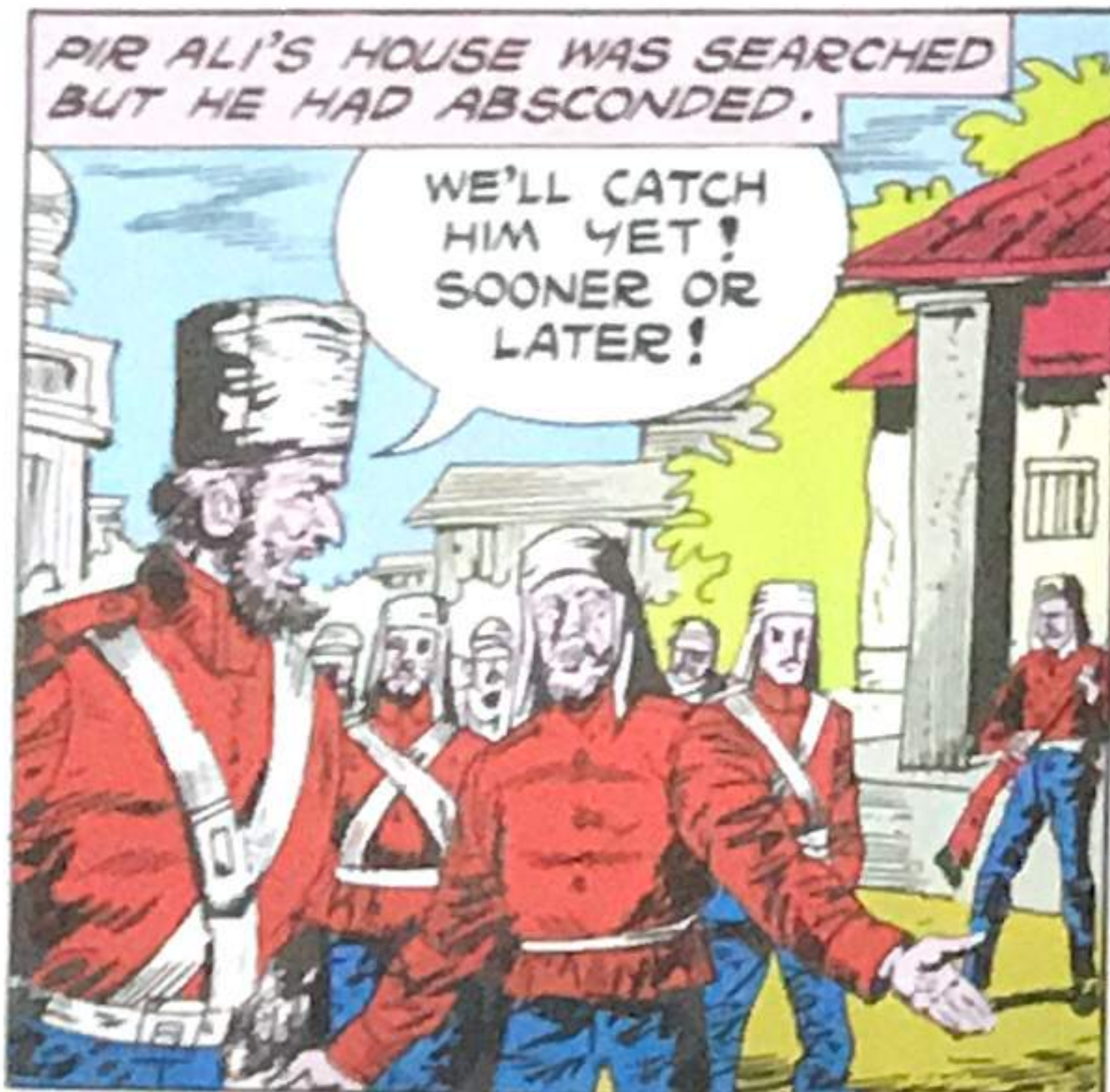
...AND AFTER THE MEETING PUT THREE OF THEM UNDER HOUSE-ARREST.



IN THE SCUFFLE THAT FOLLOWED, AN ENGLISHMAN WAS KILLED.



A FEW DAYS LATER, AN ANGRY MOB CAME CHARGING DOWN A STREET, NEAR THE HOUSE OF PIR ALI, A BOOKSELLER.



PIR ALI'S HOUSE WAS SEARCHED BUT HE HAD ABSCONDED.

WE'LL CATCH HIM YET! SOONER OR LATER!

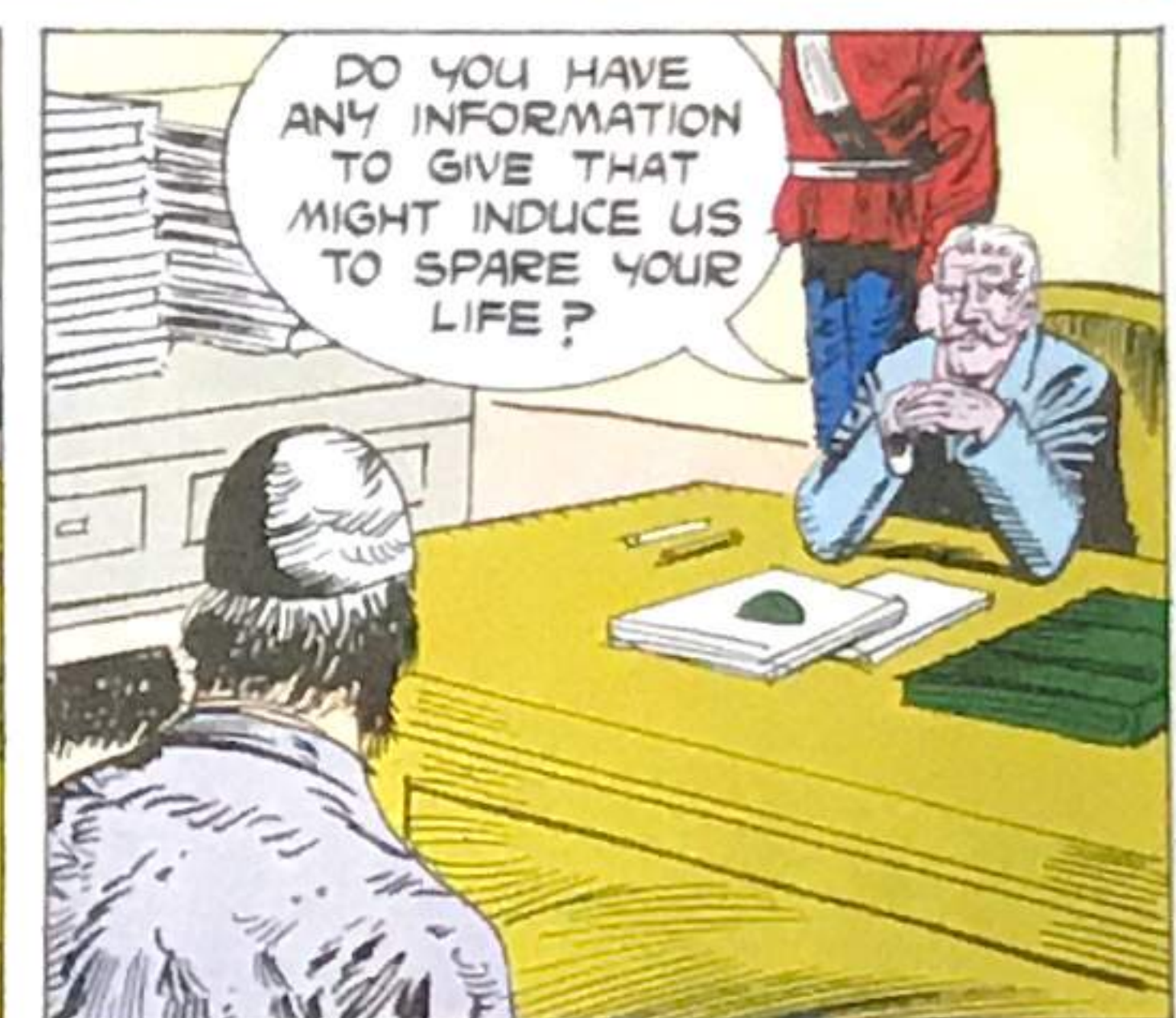
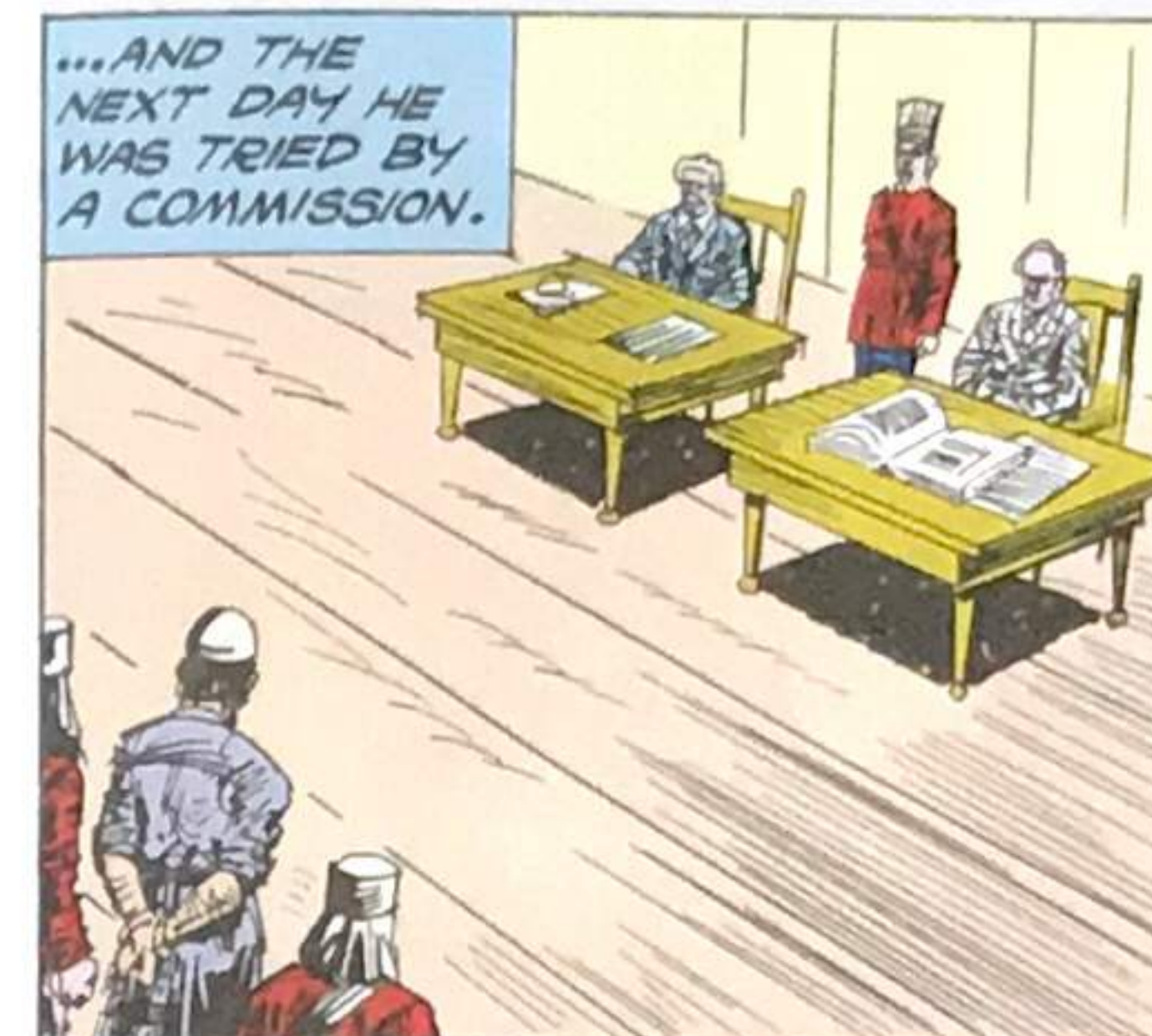
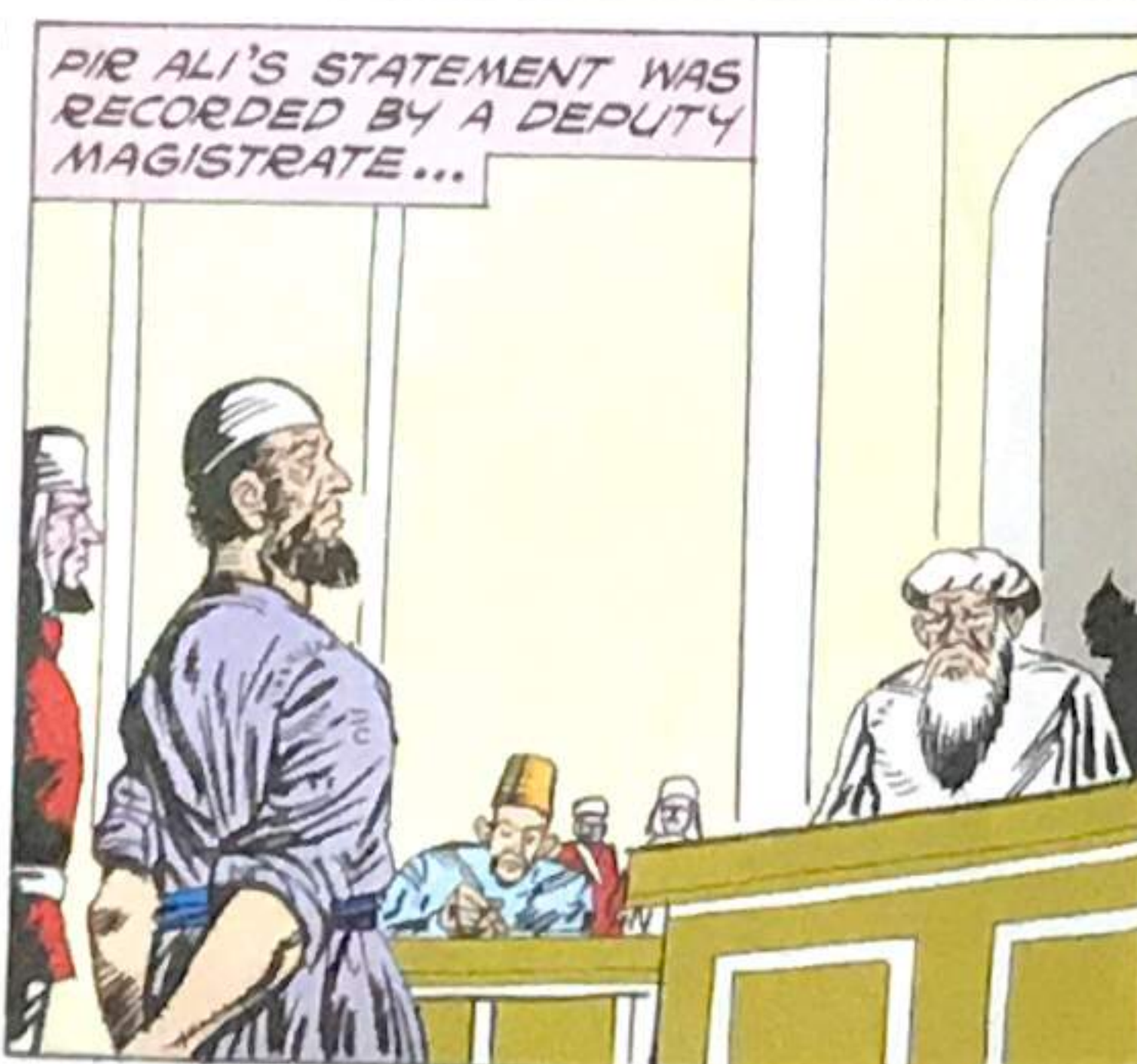
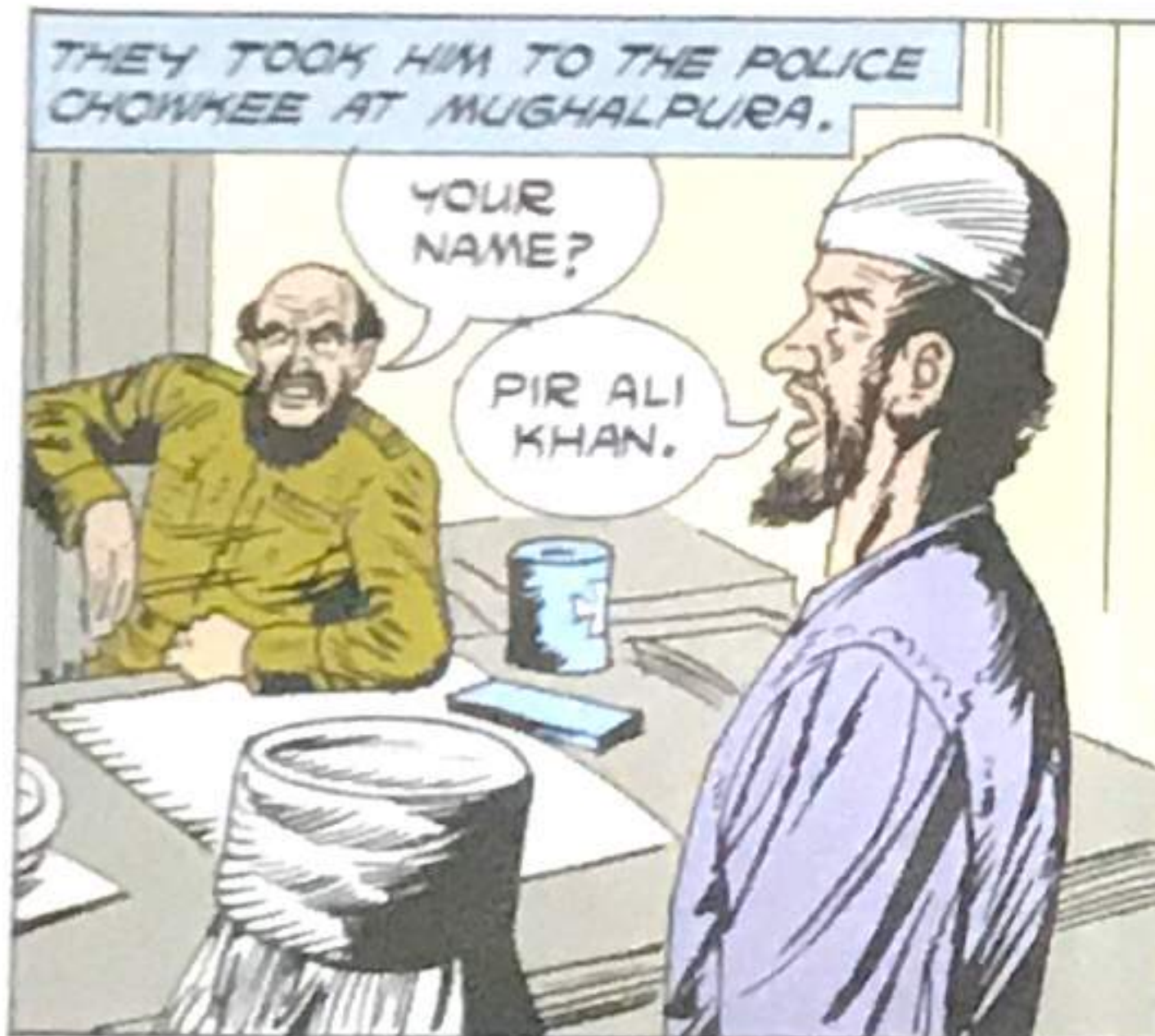
AT MEHDEEGUNJ POLICE CHOWKEE, THE NEXT AFTERNOON—

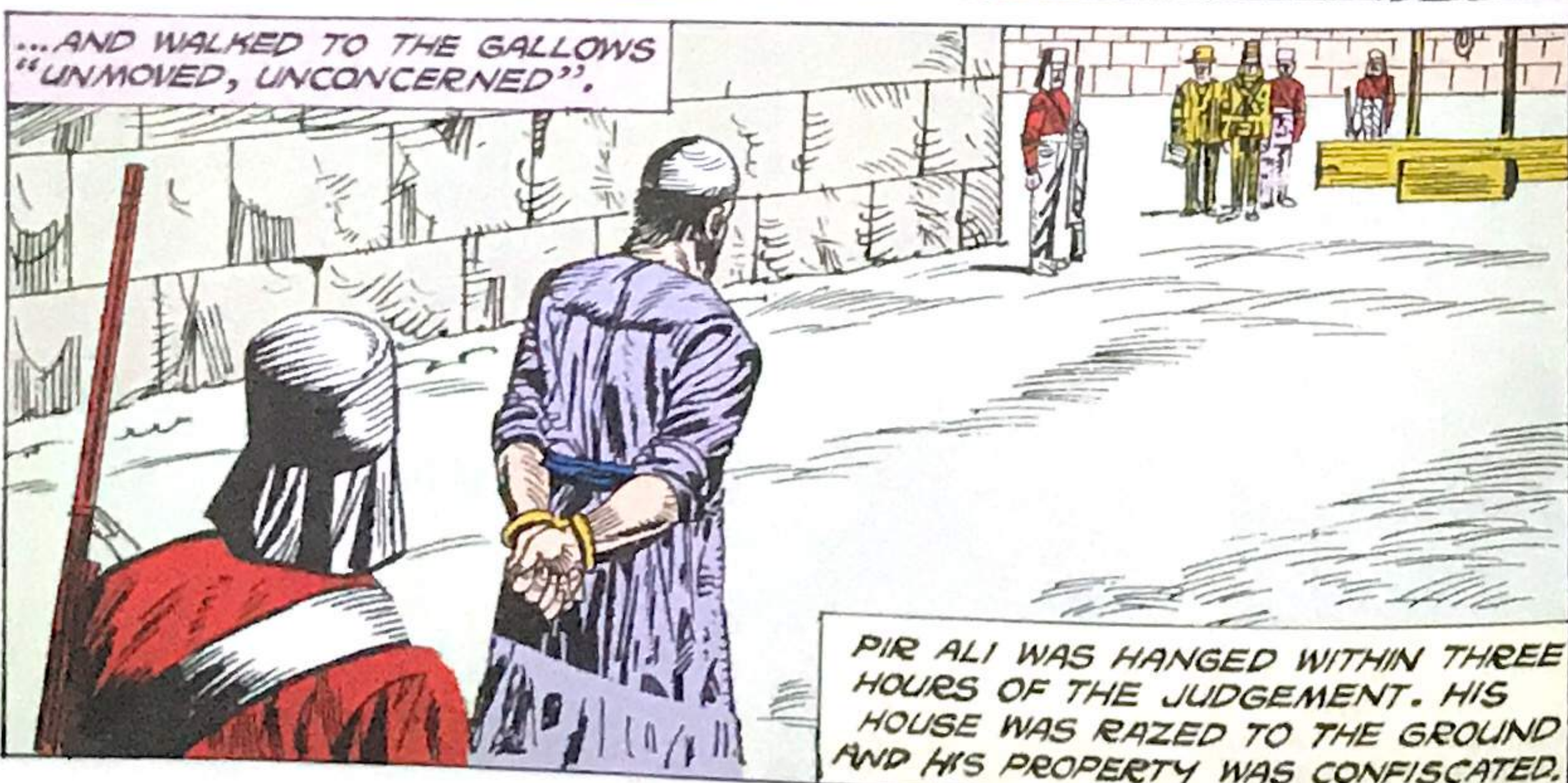
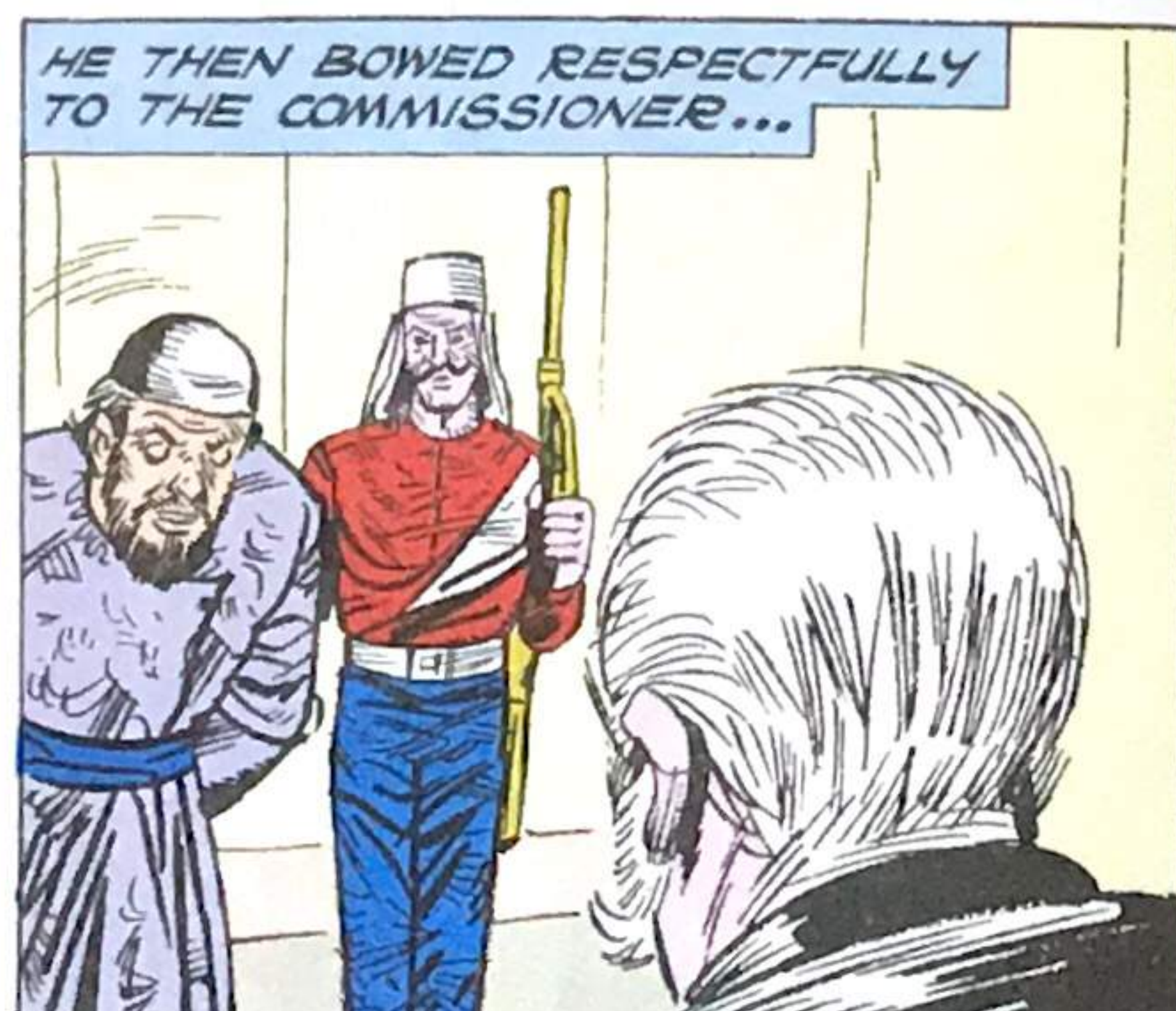
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